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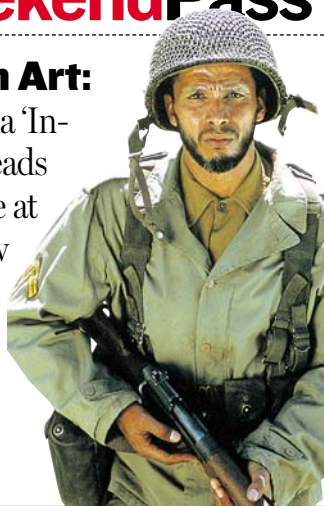
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# Images Back Watery Mars

Scientists renew hopes that Red Planet is hospitable to life

**LOS ANGELES** | New photographs from space suggest that water occasionally flows on the frigid surface of Mars, raising the tantalizing possibility that the Red Planet is hospitable to life, scientists reported Wednesday.

The new images, taken by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor before it lost contact with Earth, do not actually show flowing water. Rather, they show changes in craters that provide the strongest evidence yet that water coursed through them as recently as several

years ago, and is perhaps doing so even now.

"This is a squirting gun for water on Mars," said Kenneth Edgett, a scientist at San Diego-based Malin Space Science Systems, which operates a camera on the Global Surveyor.

The news excited scientists who hunt for extraterrestrial life. If the finding is confirmed, they say, all the ingredients favorable for life on Mars are in place: liquid water and a stable heat source.

Scientists believe ancient Mars was awash

with pools of water. And at present-day Mars' north pole, researchers have spotted evidence of water ice. But they have yet to see water in liquid form.

Some researchers were skeptical that liquid water was responsible for the surface feature changes seen by the spacecraft.

"Nothing in the images, no matter how cool they are, proves that the flows were wet, or that they were anything more exciting than avalanches of sand and dust," said Allan Treiman, a geologist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. ALICIA CHANG (AP)

**PATIENCE | He's Got a Wrap Sheet** A fed-up Columbia, S.C., mother had her 12-year-old son arrested Sunday for rummaging through his great-grandmother's things and playing with his Christmas present early. The mother called police Sunday



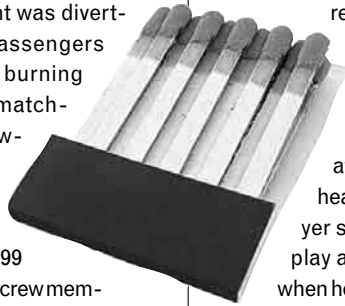
after learning her son had taken a Game Boy from its hiding place next door and played with it. He was arrested on petty larceny charges, taken to the police station in handcuffs and held until his mother picked him up after church. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

## PLANES

### This Broken Wind Ain't Turbulence

An American Airlines flight was forced to make an emergency landing Monday in Nashville after a passenger lit a match to disguise the scent of flatulence, authorities said Tuesday. The Dallas-bound flight was diverted after several passengers reported smelling burning sulphur from the matches, said Lynne Lowrance, spokeswoman for the Nashville International Airport Authority. All 99 passengers and five crew members were taken off and screened while the plane was searched and luggage was screened. The FBI questioned a passenger who admitted she struck the matches in an attempt to conceal a "body odor," Lowrance said. (AP)



## THE LOTTERY

### Odds of Being Convicted Are 1-1

A Carlisle, Pa., man who created a "winning" Powerball ticket and planted it at work as a practical joke was sentenced Tuesday to a year of probation for forgery and tampering with public records. James Koons Jr. also was fined \$2,500 after the co-worker was arrested after trying to redeem the ticket at Pennsylvania Lottery headquarters. Koons' lawyer said his client meant to play a prank on co-workers when he left the bogus \$853,000 ticket underneath a newspaper in his trucking company's break room in November 2005. Koons pleaded guilty. "It was intended to get a reaction from someone," said Koons' lawyer, Stephen Ellwood. (AP)



## MOSCOW

### Red (Hot) Square

If high-selling records are classified as diamond, platinum or gold, they'd have to create a new category — "tin," perhaps — for Kevin Federline's album, "Playing With Fire." We're sure he just needs to explore new markets. Might we suggest Moscow? After all, goofing around with flames — as this young woman did Wednesday in a park there — is an increasingly popular hobby among Moscow's young folk. It's worth a shot, don't you think, Kev? (EXPRESS)



## GETTING HOPES UP

### When You Get on the Bus, Disappointment

Gabby Supapo of San Francisco stuck her nose up in the air and sniffed. "Oreos," she declared. Not exactly what the California Milk Processor Board had in mind when it outfitted five bus shelters with ads embedded with the smell of just-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies. The scented bus shelter advertisements made their U.S. debut Monday, according to Louis Zafonte of Arcade Marketing. (AP)

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The number, in millions, of people living in suburban areas who are below the poverty line, a new study shows. The suburban poor outnumbered their inner-city counterparts for the first time last year.

## Nation

## In Brief



Lawmakers flank Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick Wednesday in Washington.

## WASHINGTON

### Congressional Black Caucus Picks Rep. Kilpatrick as Chair

The Congressional Black Caucus on Wednesday tapped Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick as its chairwoman for the next two years, when black lawmakers will wield more power in Congress than ever. Kilpatrick, D-Mich., a former school-teacher and the mother of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, was chosen unanimously. She succeeds Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

### Audit Shows FEMA Still Squandering Katrina Aid

The government is squandering tens of millions of dollars in Hurricane Katrina disaster aid, in some cases doling out housing payments to people living rent-free, investigators said Wednesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has recouped less than 1 percent of the \$1 billion that investigators contend it squandered on fraudulent assistance, according to the Government Accountability Office. (AP)

# Panel: Bush Iraq Policy Has Failed

## Commission urges talk with Iran and Syria, drop in troops by '08

WASHINGTON | President Bush's war policies have failed in almost every regard, the bipartisan Iraq Study Group concluded Wednesday, and it warned of dwindling chances to change course before crisis turns to chaos with dire implications for terrorism, war in the Middle East and higher oil prices around the world.

Nearly four years, \$400 billion and more than 2,900 U.S. deaths into a deeply unpopular war, violence is bad and getting worse, there is no guarantee of success and the consequences of failure are great, the high-level panel of five Republicans and five Democrats said in a bleak accounting of U.S. and Iraqi shortcomings.

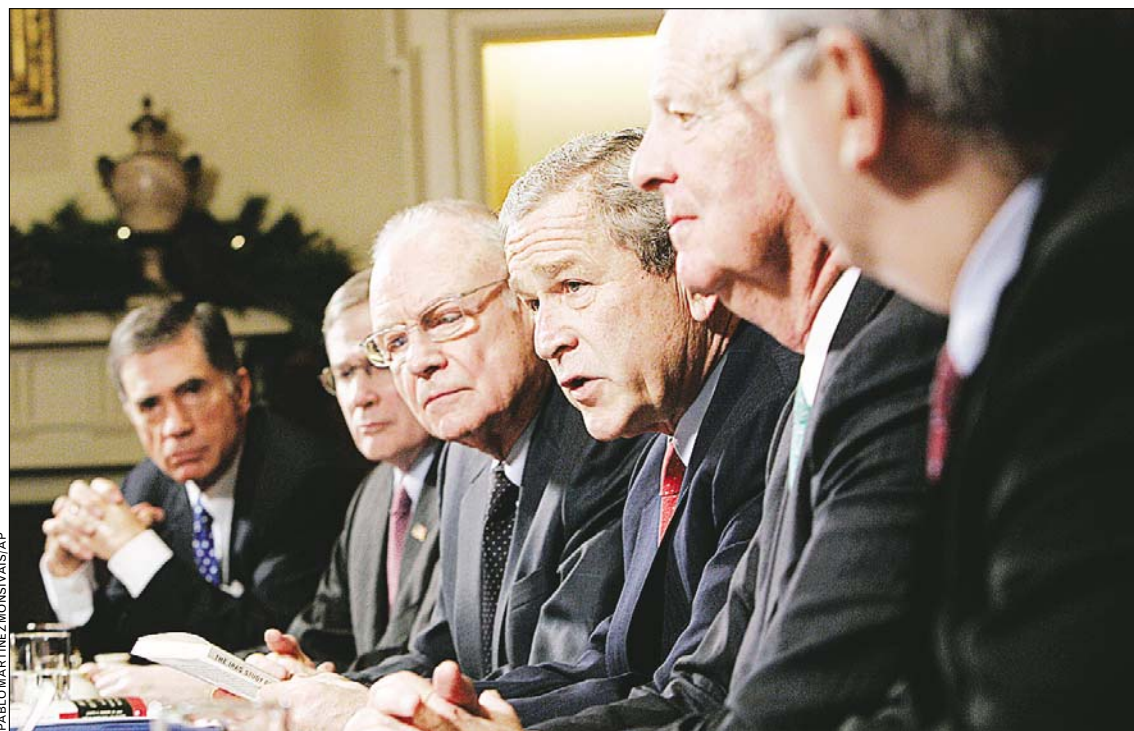
It said the United States should

### Tough Words for Bush

→ A bipartisan group of elder statesmen, some of them friends of President Bush's father, has just concluded the Iraq war, the centerpiece of Bush's presidency, is a disaster with no easy way out, Dana Milbank writes. | **Today, A Section**

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find ways to pull back most of its combat forces by early 2008 and focus U.S. troops on training and supporting Iraqi units. The U.S. should also begin a "diplomatic offensive" by the end of the month



President Bush, center, speaks to members of the media following his meeting with the Iraq Study Group in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington on Wednesday. The panel said Bush's war policies have failed in almost every way.

and engage adversaries Iran and Syria in an effort to quell sectarian violence and shore up the fragile Iraqi government, the report said.

"Despite a massive effort, stability in Iraq remains elusive and the situation is deteriorating," the independent report said. "The ability of the United States to shape outcomes is diminishing. Time is running out."

The group's recommendations do not endorse either the current White House strategy of staying put in Iraq or calls from Bush's political oppo-

nents for a quick pullout or a firm timetable for withdrawal.

"The report is an acknowledgment that there will be no military solution in Iraq. It will require a political solution arrived at through sustained Iraqi and region-wide diplomacy and engagement," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

"If the president is serious about the need for change in Iraq, he will find Democrats ready to work with him in a bipartisan fashion to find a way to end the war as quickly as possible," said incoming House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi.

The Iraq panel's leaders said they tried to avoid politically charged language such as "victory," on the one hand or "civil war" on the other, but the words they chose were still powerful. The report says the current strategy is not working and lays out example after example where it has come up short.

"We do not recommend a stay-the-course solution," said James A. Baker III, a co-chair of the commission. ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY AND DAVID ESPO (AP)

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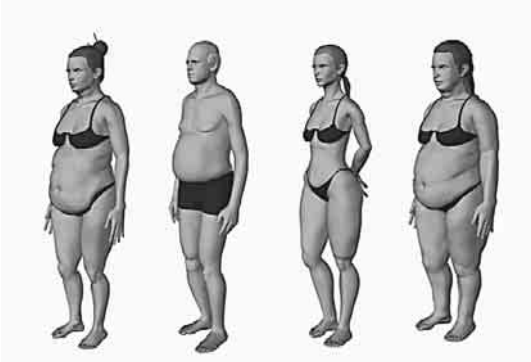
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**DISAPPEARING DIET:** In a preview of the effect of warmer seas, new NASA satellite data find that the vital base of the ocean food web shrinks when the world's seas get hotter.

# Gates Sails to Confirmation

Willingness to change course in Iraq helped new defense secretary

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to confirm Robert Gates as defense secretary, with Democrats and Republicans portraying him as the man who will help overhaul President Bush's Iraq policies.

The 95-2 vote was a victory for Bush, who named Gates to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon on Nov. 8, a day after voters gave Democrats control of Congress for next year.

Even so, much of Gates' support stemmed from his pledges to consider new options in Iraq. The vote coincided with the release of an independent study lambasting Bush's approach to the war, increasing pressure on the White House to change course.

Sens. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and Jim Bunning, R-Ky., voted against Gates.

Gates said at his confirmation hearing this week he does not think the U.S. is winning the war and that all options for changing the administration's approach must remain on the table.

"It seems to me that the United States is going to have to have some kind of presence in Iraq for a long time ... but it could be with a dramatically smaller number of U.S. forces than are there today," Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The committee voted 24-0 to support Gates to succeed Rumsfeld, who became a symbol of the unpopular war and often sparred with Democrats.

Committee Democrats said they decided to endorse Gates because of his frank assessment of the Iraq war and his openness to change. Many of them said they saw the Iraq Study Group's report and the change in leadership at the Defense Department as the necessary impetus for a different approach to Iraq.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he thought Gates "recognized the high price that our troops are paying for the current policy."

ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY (AP)



Robert Gates, left, meets with Senate Minority Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill., after the Senate confirmed Gates to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

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Milwaukee firefighters battle a five-alarm blaze after an explosion at the Falk Corp. factory in Milwaukee on Wednesday. The blast killed at least three people.

## Milwaukee Plant Explosion Kills 3

**Blast razes industrial warehouse, leaving at least 37 people injured**

**MILWAUKEE** | An explosion that may have started in a large propane tank flattened an industrial warehouse near downtown Milwaukee on Wednesday, killing at least three people and injuring 37 others, authorities said.

The fiery blast at the Falk Corp. factory flipped cars, hurled debris into the air and forced the evacuation of dozens of workers at the plant, which makes large industrial gears and couplings. Burning rubble was spread over several blocks.

"It sounded like when I was in Vietnam, incoming mortar rounds," said worker David L. Mays, 61, who said the blast knocked him down and turned over his car. "But I'm OK," he said as a tear rolled down his cheek.

Fire officials had not determined the cause of the blast, but Mays said the company began to evacuate workers after a leak occurred in one of six large propane tanks. He said he and others were outside when one of the tanks blew up.

As of midafternoon, hours after the blast, authorities had yet to account for all of the plant's employees.

Falk employs about 700 people in Milwaukee. Company spokeswoman Linda Mayer said she did not know how many people were in the plant at the time.

As many as 120 firefighters and paramedics responded to the fire, along with hazardous materials crews. The flames were largely extinguished within three hours.

The explosion destroyed Falk's warehouse and numerous cars and damaged several other buildings in the complex, fire Lt. Brian O'Connor said. EMILY FREDERIX (AP)

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## Nation



(From left) Penelope, James and Sabine Kim were stranded in the Oregon mountains nearly two weeks ago. Police found James Kim dead on Wednesday.

# Body of Missing Man Found in Ore.

**Calif. man discovered two weeks after family stranded in mountains**

MERLIN, ORE. | A San Francisco man who got stranded in the snowy wilderness with his family nearly two weeks ago was found dead Wednesday in a mountain creek, authorities said.

James Kim's body was discovered in Oregon's snowy Klamath Mountains two days after his wife and two daughters were rescued from their car, stuck on a remote road. Kim had set out on foot over the weekend to find help for his family.

Ground crews and helicopters had been searching the area for Kim for days.

A tearful Undersheriff Brian Anderson announced the discovery of the body, his voice breaking at one point. He gave no details on

the cause of death or how far from the family's car Kim was found.

Earlier in the day, searchers said they had uncovered clues that suggested Kim had shed clothing and arranged it to give searchers clues to his whereabouts.

Kim, 35, was a senior editor for the technology media company CNET Networks Inc. He and his family had been missing since Nov. 25. They were heading home to San Francisco after a family vacation in the Pacific Northwest.

A pair of pants Kim had been wearing was found in the wilderness on Tuesday, raising fears that he had become delirious from the cold.

Kim's wife, Kati, told officers that the couple made a wrong turn and became stuck in the snow. They used their car heater until they ran out of gas, then burned tires to stay warm and attract attention.

JEFF BARNARD (AP)

## Plan B Pill Now Readily Available

NEW YORK | A month after distribution began, the over-the-counter version of the morning-after pill is now available at pharmacies nationwide.

Planned Parenthood celebrated Wednesday with a free giveaway of the emergency contraceptive.

Plan B was the focus of bitter debate for years before the Food and Drug Administration, after repeated delays, declared in August that customers 18 and older should be able to buy it in pharmacies without a prescription.

DAVID CRARY (AP)

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**HEAT IS ON:** Global warming has driven temperatures in the Alps to their highest in 1,300 years, according to one of the authors of an EU-backed climate study. The project used data collected in the Alpine region in the past 250 years and used it to create computer models.

## World

### In Brief



SAJJAD HUSSAIN/AFGETTY IMAGES

Hindu women wait near a memorial to a key pioneer of rights for the low caste.

#### MUMBAI, INDIA

### 800,000 Low-Caste Indians Pay Homage to Late Leader

Hundreds of thousands of low-caste Indians lined up Wednesday to bow before a memorial to a champion of their rights who died 50 years ago, with security officials watching to stop any violence. At least 800,000 low-caste Hindus, known as dalits or untouchables, arrived in Mumbai to pay homage to Bhim Rao Ambedkar. Ambedkar, himself a dalit and a prominent Indian freedom fighter, was the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, which outlawed discrimination based on caste. (AP)

#### CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

### Lawmakers Move to Lift Ban on Cloning Embryos

Australia's Parliament on Wednesday lifted a four-year ban on cloning human embryos for stem cell research despite opposition from the prime minister and other party leaders. The legislation passed 82-62 in the House, where Conservative Prime Minister John Howard and other major party leaders voted against it. The bill was passed by the Senate last month. (AP)

#### JAMAME, SOMALIA

### Thousands Displaced Due To Rain-Triggered Flooding

More than 40,000 people have been displaced in the southern Somalia district of Jamame because of flooding caused by heavy rains and the Juba river bursting its banks, an U.N. food agency official said. Floods hit Jamame in the past 10 days and the U.N. food agency has delivered about 1,300 tons of food, said Penny Ferguson, spokeswoman for the agency. (AP)

# Brits to Probe Spy Death as Murder

## Radiation detected in London stadium, embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW | Scotland Yard called the radiation poisoning of former Russian intelligence agent Alexander Litvinenko a murder Wednesday, as Russian and British investigators questioned a witness in the case in Moscow.

Two weeks after Litvinenko's death, the trail of trace amounts

of the radioactive substance polonium-210 continued to expand Wednesday, as authorities said they discovered tiny amounts at a London soccer stadium and the British Embassy in Moscow.

The 43-year-old Litvinenko, a critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, died Nov. 23 in London, where he lived in self-imposed exile.

The investigation began even before the radioactive poison killed Litvinenko, but until Wednesday

police had not formally declared the case a homicide.

Interfax news agency reported that British and Russian investigators on Tuesday and Wednesday interrogated Dmitry Kovtun, one of at least two Russian businessmen who met Litvinenko in London on Nov. 1, hours before he fell ill.



Litvinenko

Kovtun and an associate, Andrei Lugovoi, have told the Russian media they went to London as part of a group of Moscow soccer fans, and met briefly with their exiled countryman to discuss business matters. Later, they attended a match between CSKA Moscow and Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium in north London.

Both men have told reporters in Moscow that someone is trying to frame them in Litvinenko's death.

JUDITH INGRAM (AP)



HADI MIZBAN/AP

**BLAST AFTERMATH:** Iraqis examine the wreckage of a bus following a suicide bomb attack in Baghdad on Wednesday.

# 10 U.S. Troops Killed in Iraq Attacks

## At least 75 people killed or found dead on another violent day

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Ten U.S. troops were killed in four separate incidents Wednesday in Iraq, the military said, a major blow on the same day a high-level panel in Washington recommended gradually shifting U.S. forces from a combat to a training role.

The military confirmed that the 10 Americans had died but gave no further details.

The U.S. command said earlier that a U.S. soldier was killed during combat in Baghdad on Sunday. The deaths raised to at least 28 the number of U.S. troops who have died this month.

Separately, at least 75 people were killed or found dead across Iraq, including at least 48 whose bullet-riddled bodies were found in different parts of the capital.

The violence began in the morning when two mortar rounds landed and exploded in the Haraj Market in a mixed Shiite-Sunni area in northern Baghdad, killing at least

eight people and wounding dozens, said police officers Ali Mutab and Mohammed Khayoun.

That was followed closely by a suicide bomber who blew himself up on a bus in Sadr City, killing at least five people and wounding 20, local police Capt. Mohamed Ismail said.

It appeared to be the first attack by suspected Sunni Arab insurgents on the large slum since Nov. 23, when a bombing and mortar attack killed 215 people in the deadliest single attack since the Iraq war began more than three years ago. (AP)

# New Alarm Sounded On Bird Flu

## World Bank says \$1.5B may be needed to combat avian virus

BAMAKO, MALI | Bird flu experts said Wednesday the world was becoming complacent in the fight against a deadly strain of the virus that many fear could start a human pandemic.

The World Bank said up to \$1.5 billion would be needed to fight the virus over the next several years. Nearly a third of the money is needed in sub-Saharan Africa, where officials said new cases were still turning up. Poor health and veterinary infrastructure has left the continent, already facing wars and poverty, ill-equipped to deal with the crisis.

Experts gathered in Mali's capital, Bamako, Wednesday for the first major bird flu conference in Africa, following similar meetings in Switzerland, China and Austria.

Since ravaging Asia's poultry in late 2003, the H5N1 strain of bird flu has spread to Europe, the Middle East and Africa and killed at least 154 people around the world, according to the World Health Organization. Fears remain high the virus could mutate into something easily spread from human to human. TODD PITMAN (AP)





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**DIGGING IN:** Archaeologists in Egypt discovered the mummified remains of a doctor they believe lived more than 4,000 years ago and who was buried along with metal surgical tools.

## World

# A French Twist on News

France 24 channel aims to compete with CNN, BBC, Al-Jazeera

PARIS | France's new 24-hour international news channel kicked off Wednesday with a trio of interviews: the French president, prime minister and foreign minister.

All-news channel France 24 — a pet project of President Jacques Chirac that aims to broadcast France's vision and values across the globe 24 hours a day — launched via a trilingual Web site offering streaming newscasts in French, English and Arabic.

The opening story of the newscast, in each language, was about the high-level U.S. commission report that offered tough criticism of President Bush's policy in Iraq. The station also cut to reporters stationed in Iraq and Lebanon, for reports on the ground there.

English-speaking anchors referred to the station by its French name — "France vingt-quatre," not "France twenty-four."

The station interviewed Chirac, who explained the rationale behind France 24: "It is essential that a great country like France can have a view of the world and broadcast this view, in conformity with our traditions and our conception of civilization, peace, humanism



**MAKING HEADLINES:** President Jacques Chirac said the new France 24 would operate in complete independence, although it receives government funding.

and globalization." He also said the channel would operate in complete independence — though it receives most of its funding from the French government.

Televised broadcasts on two channels, one in French and the other mostly in English, were to be broadcast starting Thursday. An Arabic-language channel is to air next year, with a Spanish channel following in about three years.

The state-funded channel enters a crowded market that includes

CNN, BBC World and Al-Jazeera, which made its English-language debut last month.

France 24 will transmit to Europe, the Middle East and Africa via satellite, initially reaching an estimated 75 million households in more than 90 countries.

France 24 expects to expand coverage in North America and Asia. For now, the only U.S. destination for the channel is Washington, where it will be available to Comcast cable subscribers. (AP)

**On the air:** There are more than 500 types of French cheese and 362 types of French wine. Why shouldn't there be a French news channel? | **Today, Style Section**

# Congo's Kabila Sworn In as Leader

First freely elected president since 1960 promises a 'new era'

KINSHASA, CONGO | After decades of dictatorship and wars, Congo on Wednesday swore in its first freely elected president since 1960, installing the son of a rebel leader who promised a new era of order and better days ahead.

"This moment marks the beginning of a new era that must bring well-being and development to Congo's people," Joseph Kabila said at his inauguration ceremony outside the presidential palace. "I



Traditional Congolese dancers take part in the inauguration on Wednesday.

see a Congo where the people are always able to work."

Kabila, declared the winner of an October presidential run-off vote, took his oath after a series of prayers

from different faiths — including Muslim, Christian and the indigenous Kimbanguist Church.

Though he has been accused of continuing a trend of corruption and ignoring abuses by his army, Kabila, 35, is widely praised for ushering in a peace plan that ended 1998-2002 wars that drew in outside armies and creating a unity government.

Kabila won the runoff with 58 percent of the vote, compared with about 42 percent for former rebel leader Jean-Pierre Bemba. Bemba had contested the results, but said he would resign himself to political opposition after his court bid failed. (AP)

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## Robots Now Rule 'Sport of Sheiks'

Remote-control camel  
jockeys keep popular  
races on the right track

AL SHAHANIAH, QATAR | Like most everybody else in Qatar, Obeid Nouri has been closely following the Asian Games. He knows that bringing the Olympics to this tiny, oil-rich nation on the Persian Gulf is one of Qatar's top political ambitions.

As far as Nouri is concerned, however, no international sports competition will ever really be complete until it includes his sport, "the sport of sheiks."

Camel racing.

While the region's best athletes were competing in the first Asian Games held in an Arab nation, many Qataris were focused on what they consider a more serious pursuit — racing their camels around a dusty track outside this desert village.

Camel races can be chaotic. At

the start, the camels surge off the line in a tight pack. The Qatari owners race on a paved road alongside in trucks, using remote controls to transmit commands to small robot jockeys. The robots are armed with whips to keep the camels interested in winning.

"We used to use little boys as the riders until a couple of years ago," said Mohammed Abdulla, a race official. "But robots are better. They are lighter and more precise in their whipping."

Actually, there were other reasons as well.

Earlier this year, the rulers of the United Arab Emirates were accused in a lawsuit of enslaving tens of thousands of boys over three decades and forcing them to work as camel jockeys.

Such scandals notwithstanding, the sport remains immensely popular in the Gulf states, with some races in Qatar drawing camels from as far away as Egypt. ERIC TALMADGE (AP)

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# Money

## Yahoo Shuffles Top Execs

Company reorganizes to maintain footing as a top Web destination

SAN FRANCISCO | Yahoo Inc. announced its biggest executive shake-up in more than five years, including placing Chief Financial Officer Susan Decker in charge of ad sales in a move that may signal her anointment as successor to the company's top job.

Shares of Yahoo, which have struggled this year as the stock of competitor Google has flourished, fell 54 cents, or 2 percent, to \$26.88 in midday trading Wednesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Under the overhaul announced late Tuesday, Yahoo vowed to rein in a sometimes-rambling product expansion that has bogged down its earnings growth and threatened its position as the Internet's most popular site as more buzz built up around successful upstarts such as



Yahoo plans to streamline its work to focus on audience, advertising and technology.

MySpace and YouTube.

The streamlining will bunch Yahoo's disparate operations into three core groups focused on its Web site's audience, advertising network and technology.

As part of the reorganization, Decker will assume an even more prominent management role and Dan Rosensweig, the company's chief operating officer, will leave the company in March when the

makeover is expected to be completed. Lloyd Braun, a former executive for ABC who ran Yahoo Media Group, resigned.

As it is, the changes mark Yahoo's most extensive housecleaning since co-founders Jerry Yang and David Filo recruited Chairman Terry Semel — a former movie studio executive — to lift the company out of the dot-com doldrums in May 2001. MICHAEL LIEDTKE (AP)

## Taco Bell Orders Scallions Removed

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. | Taco Bell ordered scallions removed from its 5,800 U.S. restaurants Wednesday after tests suggested they may be responsible for the E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least three

dozen people in three states.

The Mexican restaurant fast-food chain said initial testing by an independent lab found three samples of green onions appeared to have a dangerous strain of the bacteria.

Tainted green onions from Mexico were blamed for a 2003 outbreak of hepatitis A in western Pennsylvania that was also traced to a Mexican restaurant. Four people died and more than 600 people were sickened after eating the green onions at a Chi-Chi's. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LenoxGrp	7.54	+1.14	+17.8
RehabCG	14.06	+1.56	+12.5
Biovail	20.72	+1.82	+9.6
EDO	23.59	+1.49	+6.7
vjGrace	18.33	+1.13	+6.6

#### Losers

Handlrm	6.88	-.97	-12.4
SirvaIf	3.28	-.44	-11.8
Blyth	22.05	-2.86	-11.5
VeraSun	23.30	-1.85	-7.4
BRT	27.58	-2.03	-6.9

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MACC	2.48	+.85	+52.1
GoAmer	7.80	+2.13	+37.6
InteractSys	2.55	+.69	+37.1
DocuCP	9.76	+2.26	+30.1
Iomai n	5.00	-.01	-0.2

#### Losers

DirectdE n	11.28	-1.88	-14.3
MTM Tech	2.19	-.31	-12.5
CryoCor	2.39	-.30	-11.2
SnCWall	8.81	-1.08	-10.9
TAT Tch	17.68	-1.84	-9.4

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.87	4.91
2-year	4.58	4.69
10-year	4.49	4.52
30-year	4.60	4.62

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5087	.5065	.5741
Canadian Dollar	1.1487	1.1411	1.1562
European Euro	.7527	.7505	.8479
Japanese Yen	115.26	114.81	120.74
Mexican Peso	10.8378	10.8581	10.4070
Taiwanese Dollar	32.31	32.31	33.44

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-22.35	-6.52	-1.86
-0.18	-0.27	-0.13
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### Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	109.56	+.68	+24.5
BcoSnCH	18.55	-.10	+40.6
BkofAm	52.69	-.10	+14.2
BkNova g	44.62	-.61	+12.6
Citigrp	50.78	+.27	+4.6
DeutscheBk	130.16	-.62	+34.4
JPMorgCh	46.83	-.37	+18.0
MitsuUFJ	12.84	+.11	-6.2
RoyalBk gs	47.27	-.28	+21.2
TorDBk g	58.95	-.27	+11.9
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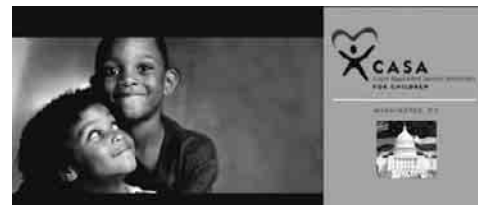
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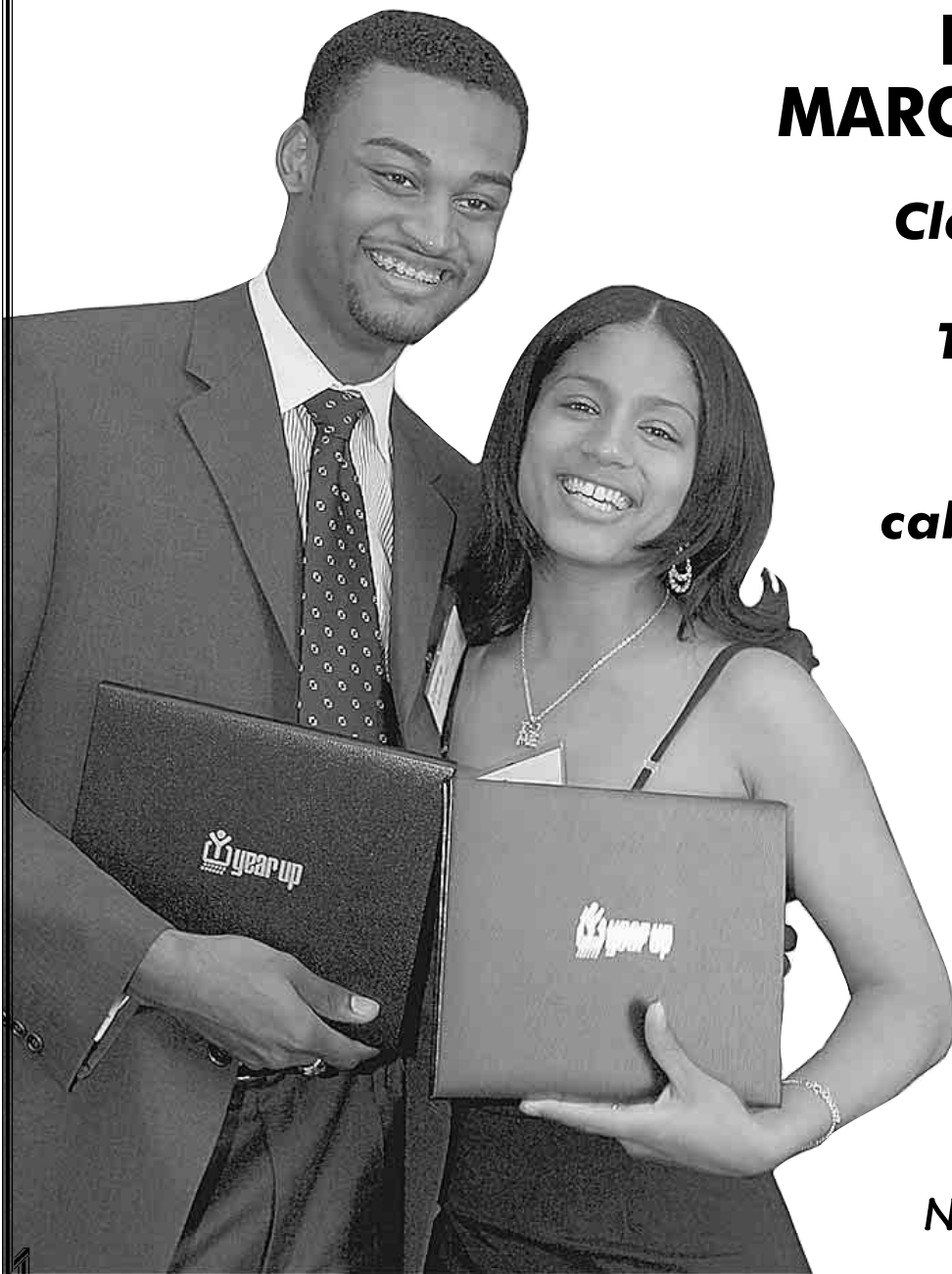
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# Arena Stage Gets a Major Donation

\$35 million gift will aid in construction of theater's new campus

WASHINGTON | Actors and leaders at Arena Stage announced Wednesday one of the largest donations to a non-profit arts organization in the U.S.

Longtime NASA employees Gilbert and Jaylee Mead have donated nearly \$35 million to the regional theater company, which is seeking to build a campus that will include three theaters, as well as classrooms, rehearsal halls and apartments for artists to live, work and perform.

The campus will be named Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater.

"Arena Stage's new home will be named for our new heroes," said



The Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater — named for trustees Gilbert and Jaylee Mead — will be a state-of-the-art theater campus in the city.

John M. Derrick, Jr., president of the Arena Stage Board of Directors.

A sloping roof and glass structure will encompass the campus and offer views of the Washington Monument and Anacostia River waterfront. Groundbreaking is expected next year, and the campus is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

"The whole building is really three temples on the Acropolis and wrapped under a roof that is actually a salute to the Washington Monument," said project architect Bing Thom. He said the building would point directly at the towering monument.

The 56-year-old Arena Stage, which now includes two theaters, has received more than \$100 million in donations for the \$120 million expansion. **BRETT ZONGKER (AP)**

# Gallaudet Eyeing 3 Candidates

Narrows choices for new president; will give decision Sunday

WASHINGTON | The nation's premier school for the deaf announced three finalists for interim president Wednesday — a search necessary after Gallaudet University revoked its incoming president's contract in response to student protests.

The university's board of trustees will meet this weekend to choose a leader for the next one-and-a-half to two years while the school conducts a separate search for a permanent president, spokeswoman Mercy Coogan said. The board will announce its choice Sunday.

The three candidates are Robert Davila, a former assistant secretary of education who worked at Gallaudet for 17 years in teaching and administrative positions; William Marshall, chairman of the university's department of administration and supervision; and Stephen Weiner, a professor in the department of communication studies. **(AP)**

# Killings of Elderly Women Linked

FAIRFAX, VA. | County police now believe the same person is responsible for the deaths of two elderly women in the Springfield area.

Police said Marion Marshall, 72, was killed in her home on Aug. 14, and Marion Newman, 74, was killed in her home nearby on Nov. 21. Both women suffered trauma to the upper body and Newman was robbed.

Officials said the killer stole Newman's ring and may have showed, sold or traded it in the area. **(AP)**

**Constructing a suspect:** Officials say the murderer may have ties to the community | **Today's Post, Metro**

# Four Catholic Schools Face Closure

WASHINGTON | The Archdiocese of Washington has proposed closing four Catholic elementary schools and transferring students to other schools in response to declining enrollment.

Three of the schools are in the District: Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Holy Redeemer and St. Benedict the Moor. A fourth, St. Margaret of Scotland, is in Seat Pleasant, Md.

The four schools have a total of about 650 students, about 90 percent of whom are black. The majority of the students are not Catholic.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl will

make a final decision on whether to go ahead with the closings in January, following meetings with parents, parish councils and school staff, the archdiocese said.

"We prefer the word 'consolidate' because the reality is we're trying to consolidate our student population," said Patricia Weitzel-O'Neill, archdiocese school superintendent. **(AP)**

# The Lotteries

Wednesday, December 6

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.) **3-1-7**  
Mid-day DC 4 **9-1-3-7**

Evening DC 4 (Tues.) **2-2-7-2**  
Rolling Cash Five (Tues.) **1-6-7-28-29**  
Daily 6 (Tues.) **11-19-20-24-25-26 (35)**

## MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **1-0-4**  
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) **5-5-8**  
Mid-day Pick 4 **5-1-0-8**  
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) **7-4-6-9**

Match 5 (Tues.) **1-13-21-22-37 (34)**

## VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.) **1-7-0**  
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) **9-6-1**  
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.) **9-5-0-0**  
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) **4-7-6-3**  
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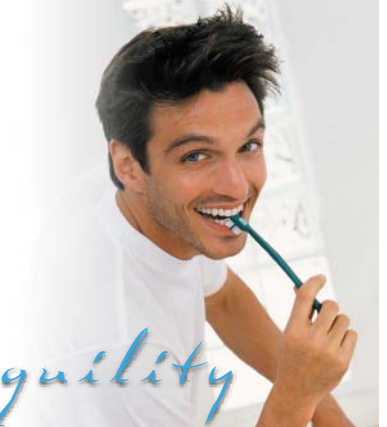
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**BACK TO HIS ROOTS:** Former Miami quarterback Bernie Kosar said he'd like to return to his alma mater — as its new coach. Kosar has no coaching experience, but often serves as a quarterback advisor for the Hurricanes, which he led to a national title as a freshman in 1983.



## Sports

# No Regrets, Says Loquacious Lloyd

Receiver addresses helmet incident, tough season in Washington

**REDSKINS** | The visit to Brandon Lloyd's locker on Wednesday was like a trip to Mars. Forget being on the same page — it's hard to believe he and coach Joe Gibbs are on the same planet.

The Washington Redskins receiver was called into Gibbs' office twice this week to discuss behavioral issues, in particular a tantrum during which Lloyd slung his helmet some 20 yards late in the fourth quarter of Sunday's loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

Both player and coach said their differences are settled and that Lloyd will play next Sunday against Philadelphia. Still, for someone who's just been in serious trouble with the boss, Lloyd gave an awfully glib performance.

"I never regret anything I've ever done," Lloyd said. "I've made some pretty good decisions in my time, and nothing so bad that I would regret it. It happened, and I've got to own up to it and move on."

Like that one? There's more.

"I've had this personality since I was, like, 5 years old, and I never thought it was a problem," Lloyd said. "If I thought it was a problem, I would have changed it 20 years ago."

Now comes the real gem. Lloyd said in the offseason that he was



Redskins wide receiver Brandon Lloyd makes a catch against the Eagles earlier this year. He has just 20 catches this season for 295 yards and no touchdowns.

### Secondary Returns

→ Cornerback Shawn Springs returns and claims he feels better than he has all year. Safety Troy Vincent says he's just happy to be practicing. | **Today, Sports**

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happy to leave San Francisco, where he was unpopular with teammates, because his fun-loving personality didn't mesh with a team that was losing and rebuilding.

Now, of course, he's with a Redskins team that is 4-8, one game worse than the 49ers. Lloyd's

teams have a combined 17-43 record over his four-year career, including 10-31 in games in which he has started.

But what the Redskins weren't expecting was for Lloyd to flop so

### A STATISTICAL GLANCE

In 12 games, Lloyd has caught 20 passes for 295 yards and no TDs this season, low marks for him:

→ As a rookie in 2003, he started just one game (played in 16) and made 14 catches for 212 yards and two scores.

→ He caught 43 passes (including six TDs) for 565 yards in '04.

→ The receiver had a career year in 2005 — 48 grabs for 733 yards, five touchdowns and 15.3 yards per catch.

spectacularly on the field. He has become perhaps the most unproductive starting receiver in the league. Although he has been healthy all season and has been on the field more than any other wideout on the team, Lloyd has just 20 catches for 295 yards.

One hundred seventy-nine players have caught at least one touchdown pass in the NFL this year. Lloyd has caught none.

"It was a culmination of everything," Lloyd said, explaining the helmet-toss. "It was a realization that we probably won't be in the playoffs. It was everything."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

# Betts Near Deal With Redskins

Back could earn up to \$7 million guaranteed money, sources say

**REDSKINS** | Running back Ladell Betts is close to agreeing to a contract extension with the Redskins, according to numerous NFL sources, and the Redskins are working hard to prevent the veteran from hitting the free-agent market.

Betts, a second-round pick in 2002, is having a career season filling in for injured tailback Clinton Portis.

The Redskins began negotiations with Betts in the preseason, when he changed agents, and there have been a few times this season when a deal seemed imminent, according to sources with knowledge of the situation, but the sides have yet to sign anything.

The pace of talks has picked up in recent weeks, however, and some sources have estimated that Betts could earn in the region of \$6 to \$7 million guaranteed on a multi-year deal.

Gibbs said keeping Betts in Washington is a priority.

JASON LA CANFORA (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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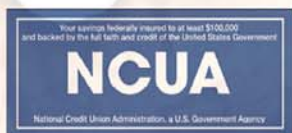
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## Sports

# Dodgers Eye Ace Schmidt

Free agent starter is close to a three-year, \$47 million contract

**BASEBALL** | The Los Angeles Dodgers were trying to sign free agent starter Jason Schmidt on Wednesday, a deal that would give the club an ace right-hander in their rotation.

ESPN reported Wednesday afternoon that Schmidt had agreed to a three-year, \$47 million contract with the Dodgers.

But Schmidt's agents, Alan and Randy Hendricks, were still meeting with several teams on the 33-year-old right-hander.

"We do not have a deal," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said.

The St. Louis Cardinals were also courting Schmidt, who went 11-9 with a 3.59 ERA in 32 starts during 2006 for the Giants.

The three-time All-Star is one of the most prized free agent pitchers on the market this offseason.

Schmidt told The Associated



JEFF LEWIS/AP

Right-handed pitcher Jason Schmidt threw 213 1/3 innings with the Giants last year. He has also pitched for the Braves and Pirates and is close to a deal with the Dodgers.

Press in a telephone conversation that he did not want to comment on any deals until he officially has a new team.

He spent the last 5 1/2 seasons with the Giants and also has pitched for the Atlanta Braves and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Schmidt was determined to explore his options this winter, knowing he could be signing the final contract of his career. He pitched 213 1/3 innings last season, the third time in four years he went over the 200-inning mark.

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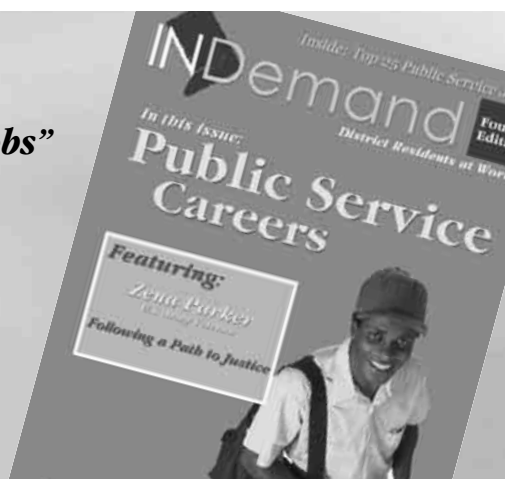
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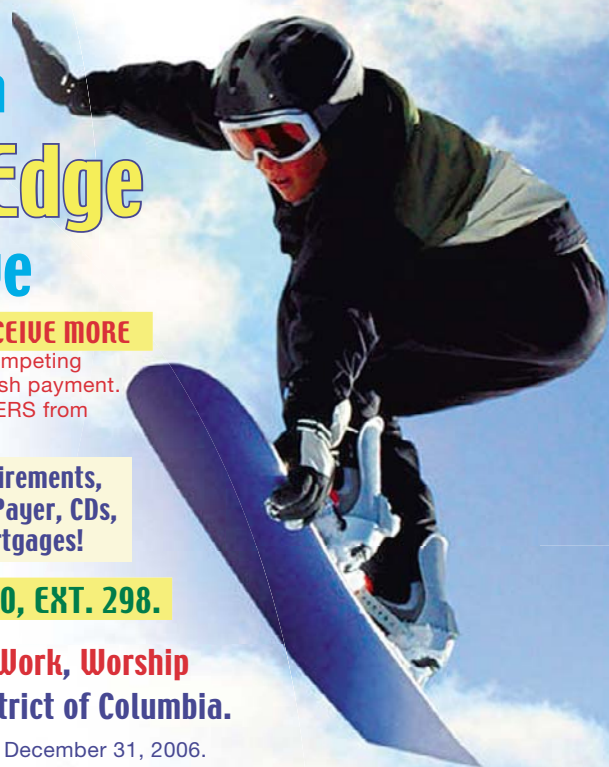


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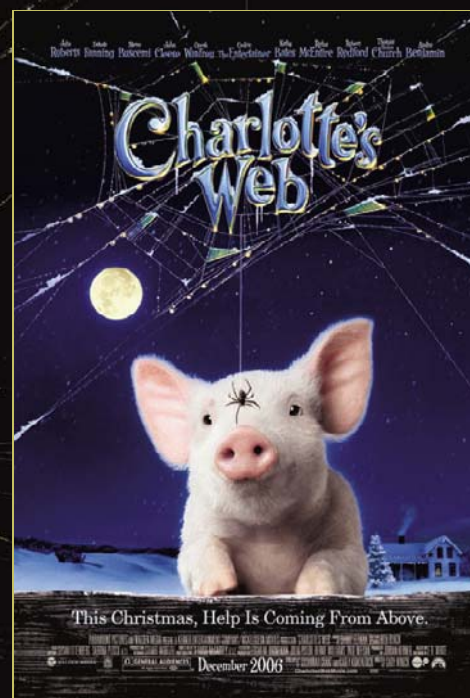
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**NUDGE, NUDGE, WINK, WEINKE:** Chris Weinke could get his first start in almost five years, but not because Panthers coach John Fox has lost faith in starter Jake Delhomme. Fox said the struggling Delhomme is the starter when healthy, but the QB didn't practice Wednesday and is questionable.



## Sports

# Steelers Get a Chance to Take Over

Since the rivalry began, the Browns have held the all-time series lead

**FOOTBALL** | The Pittsburgh Steelers haven't had a chance like this since they first played the Cleveland Browns 56 years ago.

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The Steelers have won five Super Bowls to the Browns' none. They've sent a roster full of players to the Pro Football Hall of Fame — located near Cleveland, coincidentally — over the last quarter-century. They've dominated the Browns of late, winning 19 of the last 22 games.

But, since 1950, the Steelers (5-7) have never had a chance until now to catch the Browns (4-8) in the all-time series.

The Browns lead 55-54, mostly on the strength of winning the first eight games and 12 of the first 13. The Steelers, winners of the last six,



WR Santonio Holmes celebrates the Steelers' win over the Browns last month. MARK DUNCAN/AP

have taken control by beating the Browns 20 times in 25 games since coach Bill Cowher took over.

"This is a different Cleveland Browns team than we played last year," Cowher said minutes after the Steelers' come-from-behind 24-20 victory in Cleveland last month.

There's also this factor: The Browns, who beat the Chiefs last week, haven't won successive games since Oct. 5-12, 2003, a span of 54 games.

"We know if we play well defensively, we're going to be tough to beat," Steelers defensive end Brett Keisel said. ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN)** College football may be on its bowl-game hiatus, but the award shows are just getting started. Thursday's College Football Awards Show is in Orlando, Fla.

**BASKETBALL (8:15 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT)** The Detroit Pistons are at the Dallas Mavericks for the early game, and Miami travels west to play Sacramento for the nightcap.

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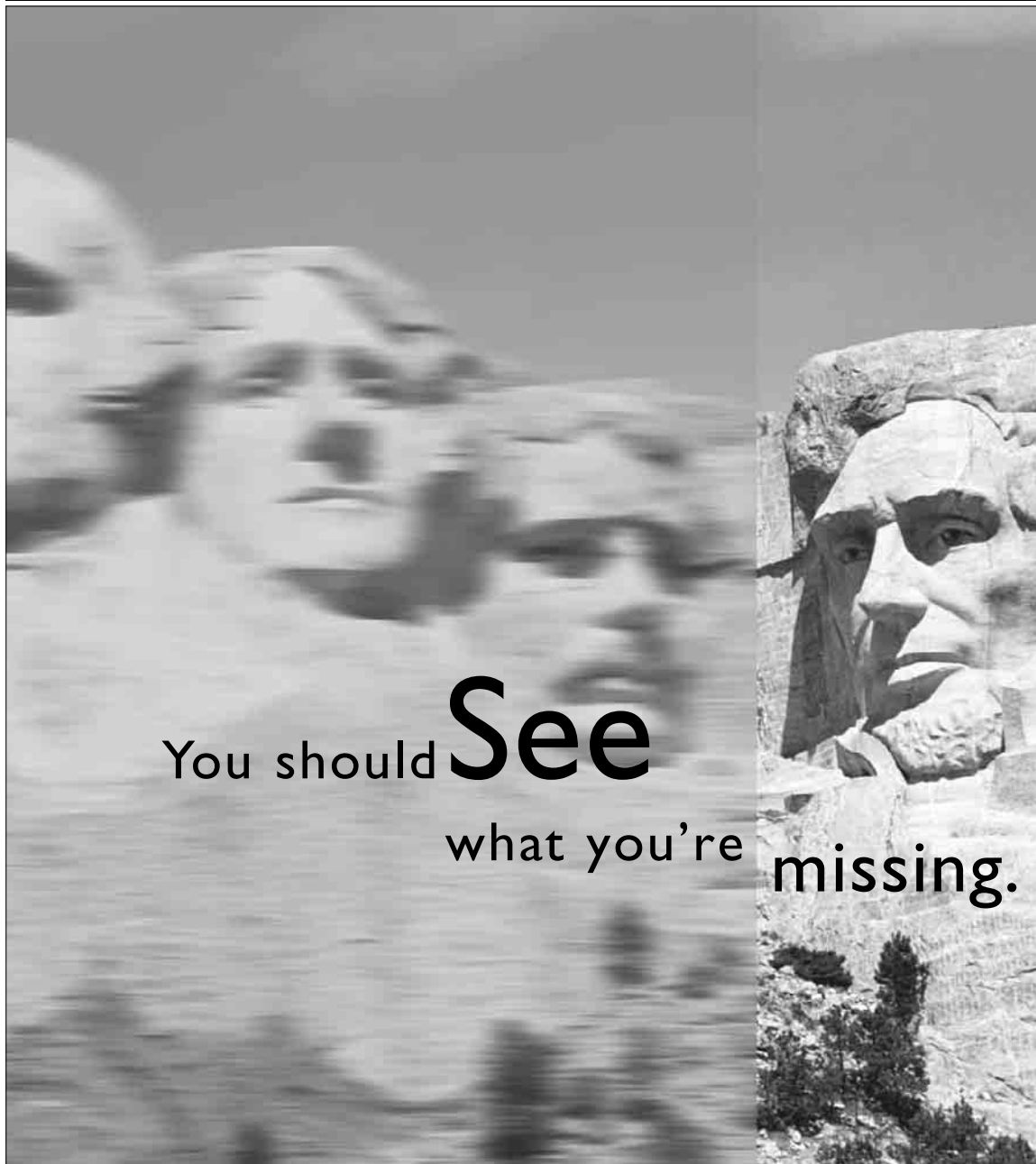
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## Sports

# Heisman Finalists Named

McFadden joins senior QBs Smith and Quinn for top college award

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Ohio State's Troy Smith and Notre Dame's Brady Quinn were selected as finalists for the Heisman Trophy on Wednesday, along with Arkansas running back Darren McFadden. The award will be given out on Saturday.

Smith is the heavy favorite to win the award Saturday night in New York. The senior quarterback entered the season with plenty of Heisman hype and then backed it up with brilliant play for the unbeaten Buckeyes.

Quinn, the senior quarterback, was fourth in Heisman voting last season and has thrown 35 touchdown passes in 2006. McFadden, a sophomore, scored 16 touchdowns and led Arkansas to the Southeastern Conference title game.

Smith grabbed the lead in the Heisman race early this season. In Ohio State's first No. 1 vs. No. 2 game of the season, he threw for 269 yards and two scores against Texas in September. He was even better in the Buckeyes' second 1-2 game, throwing for 316 yards and four touchdowns in the regular-season finale against Michigan.



Ohio State QB Troy Smith was selected as a finalist for the Heisman on Wednesday, along with Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn and Arkansas RB Darren McFadden.

### HEISMAN RESUMES

Here's a quick look at how the three finalists stack up in terms of this season's statistics:

- Troy Smith (QB, Ohio State) was fourth in the nation with a 167.9 quarterback rating while leading the No. 1 team in the country.
- Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn threw for 35 TDs, 3,278 yards and just five INTs this season.
- RB Darren McFadden led Arkansas with 16 touchdowns and 1,558 rushing yards during the regular season.

Smith is trying to become the sixth player from Ohio State to win the Heisman and first since running back Eddie George in 1995. It would be the seventh time a Buckeye came away with the award. Ohio State's Archie Griffin is the only two-time Heisman winner.

If Quinn pulls off the upset, he'd be the eighth player from Notre Dame to win and would break a tie with USC as the school with the most. Tim Brown was the last Fighting Irish player, taking home the trophy in 1987. RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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The number of three-pointers made by the Georgetown men's basketball team in Monday's 89-53 win, tying a school record. The win was also the largest margin of victory (36) since 2003-04.

## Sports

## DREAM TEAM ►► THE UPS AND DOWNS OF FANTASY FOOTBALL

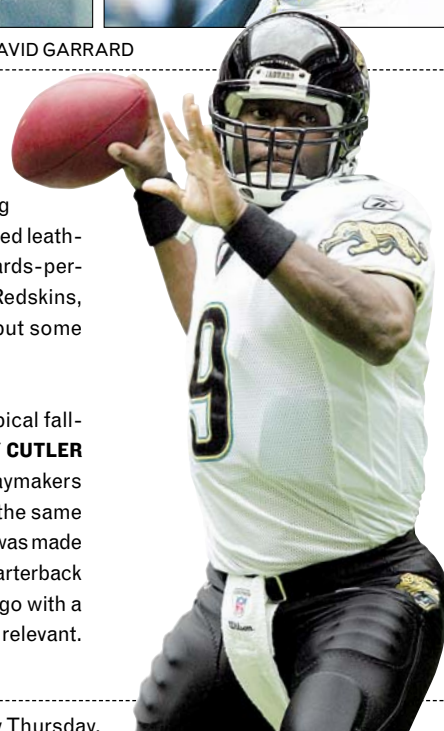


CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: JAY CUTLER, LADELL BETTS, MARCUS ROBINSON, DAVID GARRARD

**Best Bets:** QB Byron Leftwich was benched in Jacksonville either for being too hurt to play or being too not the coach's favorite QB to play. See, when **DAVID GARRARD** throws the ball, he's not trying to be the first person to puncture polymer with inflated leather. With two straight 100-yard games, and a better yards-per-carry average than Clinton Portis ever had with the Redskins, **RB LADELL BETTS** is the perfect oomph-back to put some muscle behind a struggling offense.

**Not a Chance:** Sunday was evidence of the typical fall-out when a rookie—in this case, Broncos QB **JAY CUTLER**—is made the starter and doesn't know who his playmakers are. Javon Walker and Stephen Alexander having the same number of catches? Come on. **MARCUS ROBINSON** was made the starting wide receiver in Minnesota because quarterback Brad Johnson liked him the best. But if the Vikings go with a new QB, who knows whether Robinson will still be relevant.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)



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## Colts Get 2nd Chance to Win Division

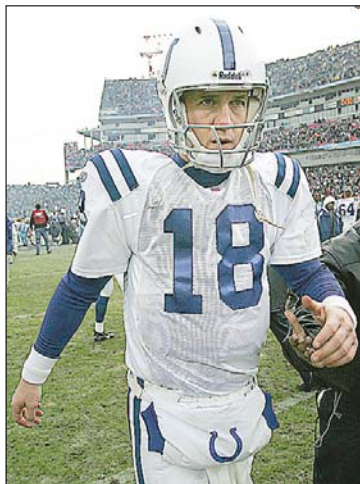
Generally unbeatable in the regular season, team has now lost 2

**FOOTBALL** | The Indianapolis Colts blew one opportunity to clinch the AFC South title, so they'd like to wrap it up this week.

"You definitely don't want it lingering for a couple of weeks," middle linebacker Gary Brackett said. "When you get a chance to win the division, that's what you want to do."

For the second straight year, the Colts (10-2) head to Jacksonville in December with a chance for the division title. Indy rarely needs second chances.

Over the past 2 ½ seasons, Indianapolis (10-2) has been as reliable



Colts QB Peyton Manning walks off the field last week after losing to the Titans.

delivering critical regular-season wins as Joe Montana was in the Super Bowl. The Colts won 30

consecutive meaningful games from November 2004 until Dallas ended the streak three weeks ago.

Last week's loss at Tennessee exposed something else: Indy's fallibility.

The Titans shredded the defense for 219 yards rushing, forced two turnovers and took advantage of a chance to rally—a combination that has slowed the Colts' drive to reach the Super Bowl.

Now they cannot afford another misstep against one of their toughest division rivals.

"We're into the last quarter of the season, and I think this will be the part of the season that defines us," coach Tony Dungy said Monday. "We've lost our margin for error, and I think we'll respond."

MICHAEL MAROT (AP)

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# Television



**STEVEN AND STEPHEN:** Steven Spielberg is bringing the Stephen King-Peter Straub novel "The Talisman" to TBS in summer 2008, executive-producing the six-hour miniseries about a boy on a quest through the fantastical Territories.

# Alienated Aliens

## 'Earl' and 'Smallville' deal with immigration issues in clever ways

**BORDER CLASH** | On a two-part episode of “My Name Is Earl” (8 p.m., NBC), Earl and Randy go on a mission to save Catalina (Nadine Velazquez) from deportation and find themselves in trouble south of the border. John Leguizamo guest-stars in the second half-hour.

“Earl” has surprising success with its darkly comic treatment of Catalina’s plight. She’s smart and gorgeous but works two fairly grim jobs, scouring toilets at Earl’s squal-



**MY NAME IS ESTÉBAN:** Earl tries to save Catalina from being deported.

id motel court and working as an exotic dancer at Club Chubby.

Catalina is not in this country for its economic opportunities. She was brutalized in her homeland. In the show's over-the-top fashion, she rattles off tales of torture, assassination, execution and dismemberment. This is absurd, of course, and brutal. It also provides Catalina with an alluring mystery. She's aware of a world that her American cohorts can perceive only dimly.

“Smallville” (8 p.m., CW) also deals with immigration. Clark learns that a neighbor is holding migrant workers captive. The Super Boy also asks his mother to help him keep two young neighbors from being deported. Their plight reminds Clark of his own status as an alien.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

## MORE 'UGLY'

ABC re-airs the pilot of **UGLY BETTY**  
(8 p.m.).

## DANNY PARTRIDGE IN VEGAS

A killer leaves tiny facsimiles behind on **CSI** (9 p.m., CBS). Danny Bonaduce guest-stars.

## AND JAMES WOODS RANTS

A socialite stands accused of killing his mistress on **SHARK** (10 p.m., CBS).

## BIRD FLU'S GOT NOTHING ON THIS

A whole town suffers from a homicidal virus on **SUPERNATURAL** (9 p.m., CW)

TRACY JORDAN DOES NOT CONFLICT

A late-night scheduling conflict on **30 ROCK** (9:30 p.m., NBC).

## KINKY CHRISTMAS

Ray Davies dons a Santa suit on **THE KINKS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**. (10 p.m.,



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**NOT UGLY, JUST DIFFERENT:** Time to catch up with the hit show "Ugly Betty."

VH1 Classic).

**CULT CHOICE**

An FBI agent (Johnny Depp) goes undercover as a mobster in the 1997 drama **DONNIE BRASCO** (8 p.m., Court TV). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	WTTG	(5)	Seinfeld		The Simpsons	The Simpsons		Seinfeld		'Til Death		'Til Death		The O.C. "The Summer Bummer" (N)				News			News			Geraldo at Large		
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	WDCA	(20)	Scrubs		Scrubs	Judge Joe Brown		Judge Judy (N)		Wicked Wicked Games (N)				Watch Over Me "Pulling Strings" (N)				The Tyra Banks Show (N)			Still Standing			Still Standing	Still Standing	
	WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Business Conn.				Prange and Pearl Harbor: A Magnificent Obsession				Roy Orbison & Friends: A Black and White Night				Return to the Valley								
	WETA	(26)	BBC World News		Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Moneywise		You Can Do It! The Boomers Guide to a Great Retirement				Blue Man Group: Inside the Tube										Secrets-Beauty		
	WHUT	(32)	Tony Brown		Tavis Smiley	BBC World News				Ike & Tina Turner: Live in Holland '71				Bellydance Fitness Fusion Jazz				BBC World News		Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)				
	WDCW	(50)	My Wife and Kids		My Wife and Kids	Friends		Friends		Smallville "Subterranean" (N)				Supernatural "Croatian" (N)				Will & Grace		Will & Grace		Sex and the City			Sex and the City	
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	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		The Black Carpet		The Parkers		The Parkers		Girlfriends		Girlfriends		Girlfriends		Girlfriends		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx					
	Bravo		Top Chef "The Raw and the Cooked"		*** "Braveheart" (1995, Historical Drama) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. A Scottish rebel rallies his countrymen against England.								(45) *** "Braveheart" (1995) Mel Gibson.													
	Comedy		(5:00) *** "Dirty Work" (1998)		Scrubs		Scrubs		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Mind of Mencia		South Park		Carlos Mencia: No Strings Attached		Daily Show		Colbert Report					
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	E!		Dr. 90210 Dr. Rey travels.		E! News (N)		The Daily 10 (N)		Forbes Celebrity 100: Who Made Bank Rich celebrities.		*** "Mr. 3000" (2004) Bernie Mac. A baseball star comes out of retirement.		*** "Mr. 3000" (2004) Bernie Mac. A baseball star comes out of retirement.		Girl Next Door		Girl Next Door		E! News		The Daily 10					
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	MTV		Beauty and the Geek		Rob & Big		Rob & Big		Rob & Big		Rob & Big		TwentyFour 7		Real World-Rd		Real World-Rd		Real World-Rd		Rob & Big (N)		TwentyFour 7		Parental Control	
	NICK		Ned's School		Avatar-Last Air		Kappa Mikey (N)		Jimmy Neutron		SpongeBob		Drake & Josh		Full House		Full House		Fresh Prince		The Cosby Show		Roseanne		Roseanne	
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MOVIES	AMC		**** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Fantasy) Maureen O'Hara. 'NR'				*** "The Green Berets" (1968) John Wayne. A cynical anti-war newsman is assigned to a career soldier. 'G'						*** "Halls of Montezuma" (1950)													
	TCM		(5:00) *** "Presenting Lily Mars"		Becoming Attraction: Judy Garland		*** "Task Force" (1949, Adventure) Gary Cooper, Jane Wyatt. 'NR'						*** "For Whom the Bell Tolls" (1943, Drama) Gary Cooper. 'NR'													
	HBO		Costas NOW		Real Sports		Inside the NFL		*** "Hide and Seek" (2005) Robert De Niro. 'R'				Good Shepherd				Real Sex				Nativity Story					
	MAX		(5:30) *** "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) Kevin Costner. 'PG-13'		*** "Constantine" (2005, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. 'R'		*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005) Johnny Depp. 'PG'																			
	SHOW		(5:45) *** "Mean Creek" (2004)		(1:5) *** "Schultz Gets the Blues" (2003) Horst Krause. 'PG'		(0:5) *** "Me and You and Everyone We Know" 'R'						Sleeper Cell				White Boyz				Dexter (iTV)					
	TMC		(0:5) *** "Stateside" (2004) Rachael Leigh Cook. 'R'		(4:5) *** "Going All the Way" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jeremy Davies. 'R'		*** "Rush" (1991, Drama) Jason Patric, Sam Elliott. Premiere. 'R'																			
	STARZ!		(5:30) *** "Ice Princess" (2005) 'G'		(1:5) *** "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'		*** "When a Stranger Calls" (2006) Camilla Belle. 'G'						*** "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005) 'R'													
	ENCORE		(1:5) *** "In the Army Now" (1994, Comedy) Pauly Shore. 'PG'		*** "The Flintstones" (1994) John Goodman. 'PG'		(3:5) *** "After the Sunset" (2004) Pierce Brosnan. 'G'						(1:5) *** "Leviathan" (1989) 'R'													



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## Anniversaries

### Austrians are maxing out on Mozart after a year of celebrations

Mozart's music. The artistry of Amadeus. Wolfgang as wurst.

As the hoopla over the 250th anniversary of his birth winds down, even some Mozart maniacs are expressing relief. The genius composer has been played, displayed — and exploited — in ways never seen before.

"What did the Mozart Year bring us?" asked music critic Wilhelm Sinkowitz in the daily Presse. "Money. Lots of money."

Still, for Mozart fans worldwide, this has been a year to celebrate. And there have been highlights — thousands of concerts, opera performances and exhibitions across Austria.

It was also a year of crass commercialization. Souvenir shops overflowed with the tackiest of Mozart memorabilia: plates, teddy bears, beer mugs, T-shirts, plastic statuettes, cuckoo clocks and mini-violins, even though the wunderkind played harpsichord.

Tours and events were extended to inns where Mozart slept and ate — and for hardcore fans included a visit to the "Pinkelstein," a stone memorial on a road between Vienna and Prague commemorating the spot where, so the lore goes, Mozart stepped out of his coach to relieve himself.

Regulars to Salzburg already familiar with "Mozartkugel," the ubiquitous nougat and marzipan sweets peddled across Austria, saw the maestro's name on cheap wine and beer. Mozart was suddenly a milkshake and a sausage — Mozart-wurst, a "composition" of ground beef, pork and pistachios.

One restaurant offered a menu with chicken liver parfait with pistachios, red currant sauce and herb salad, accompanied by the overture



**PLAYED OUT:** Even Austrians can have too much Mozart. A year of celebrating the 250th anniversary of his birth has made even Mozart's fans eager to move on.



# Cut the Music

to "The Magic Flute," and beefboulion with semolina dumplings and a side of Mozart's "Concerto for Horn and Orchestra No. 3."

Such overexposure is taking its toll.

"We're seeing some downturn in sales," conceded souvenir shop saleswoman Magdalena Glida, pointing to racks of Mozart memorabilia, some already marked down and mingled with Christmas merchandise.

Ethan Jennings, of Lynden, Wash., on an exchange semester in Salzburg that includes a course in music appreciation, says his most enduring memory of Mozart Year will be "seeing a lot of Mozartkugels all over the city."

Many fans give organizers

high marks.

"I think the Mozart Year was successful ... alone for the fact that it was possible to hear many unknown works," said baritone Thomas Hampson, whose Don Giovanni is now the gold standard.

But as the year draws to a close, one of the new productions in honor of the birthday boy is tellingly titled "I Hate Mozart." And even though the name — like the stage work — is a satire, some normally ardent Amadeus aficionados are also soured on the ruckus around their hero.

Some question the wisdom of performing little-played operas or musical fragments, suggesting it may have been wiser to let music

**“What did the Mozart Year bring us? Money. Lots of money.”**

WILHELM SINKOWITZ, MUSIC CRITIC

that is not up to Mozart's usual caliber lie unheard.

"Some Mozart operas have been forgotten for a good reason," concert pianist Rudolf Buchbinder noted.

Mezzo soprano Angelika Kirchschlager, who at the start of the year described Mozart as "a gift from God," now strikes the same chord, noting that the hype "was simply

too much for me."

Vienna State Opera director Ioan Holender, in comments to the daily Oesterreich, expressed "joy that the Mozart year is [almost] over and that hopefully nothing similar will follow it."

Even conductor Nikolaus Harnoncourt, who describes Mozart as "from another star" and who has been at the forefront of some of this year's most ambitious Mozart performances, shows some understanding for those maxed out on Mozart.

"Those who already loved him will continue to love him," he said, adding that commercialism is the "distasteful aspect of the Mozart Year." GEORGE JAHN (AP)

# Get Some McExercise

## Playtime

### McDonald's offers its youngest customers a place to work out

Climbing ropes, stationary bicycles and electronic dancing games could join the menu of play options for kids at McDonald's if they prove a hit in a trial launched in several of its U.S. restaurants.

The burger-and-fries company, often accused by critics of contributing to child obesity, is tinkering with the mini-gyms as a possible successor to the popular McDonald's PlayPlace, with its ball pits and crawl tubes.

It opened the first R Gym — that's R as in Ronald McDonald for those who missed the clown plug — last March in Tulsa, Okla., and now has six more, at McDonald's in Santa Ana, Whit-tier and Elk Grove, Calif.; Broom-field, Colo.; and Chillicothe and

**“It's not truly something that's real physical fitness. But it does take their playgrounds to a new level.”**

BOB GOLDIN, FOOD CONSULTANT

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More are planned based on what the Oak Brook, Ill.-based chain says has been a positive early response.

“As long as our customers see a benefit in it, we will continue to look at this,” spokesman Bill Whitman said Monday. “We have for many years supported programs that promote physical activity, and we will continue to do that.”

Incorporating more technology than the traditional PlayPlace, McDonald's Corp. says the R Gym is intended to provide a fun, easy way for children to increase their physical activity.



Tyler Robbins, 6, hits the stationary bike before dinner at a McDonald's in Colorado.

It isn't likely to be confused with mom's or dad's gym. The stationary bikes are attached to video games, and kids shoot hoops on tiny courts that electronically cheer players. Other offerings include air hockey and foosball tables.

R Gyms feature a toddler zone for ages 0-3, where soft balls and slides remain; an active zone for ages 4-8, including an obstacle course and climbing challenges; and a sports zone for ages 9-12, with bicycling, jumping, dancing and other sports-oriented activities.

Analyst Bob Goldin agrees with nutrition advocates who note that it would take a child a long time to burn off the calories from a Big Mac and fries in the R Gym.

“Realistically, I can't imagine it's going to necessarily be that beneficial,” said Goldin, of Chicago-based food consultancy Technomic Inc. “It's not truly something that's real physical fitness. But it does take their playgrounds to a new level.”

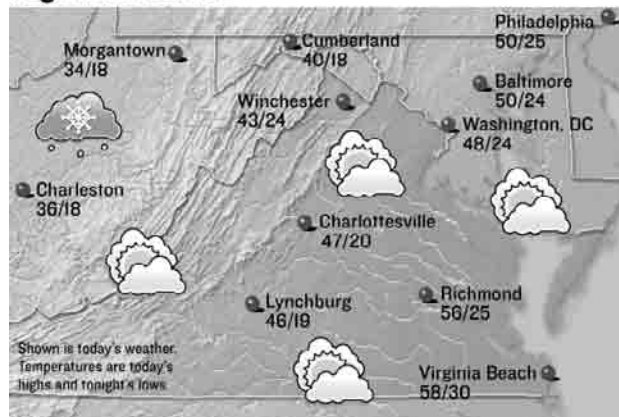
He said McDonald's clearly is eyeing the change as one to strengthen its “well-earned stranglehold on the kids' market” rather than as a health-driven move. “The fact it has positive imagery is just icing on the cake.”

DAVE CARPENTER (AP)

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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## Regional Weather



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

### Temperature

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Year to date	46.27"
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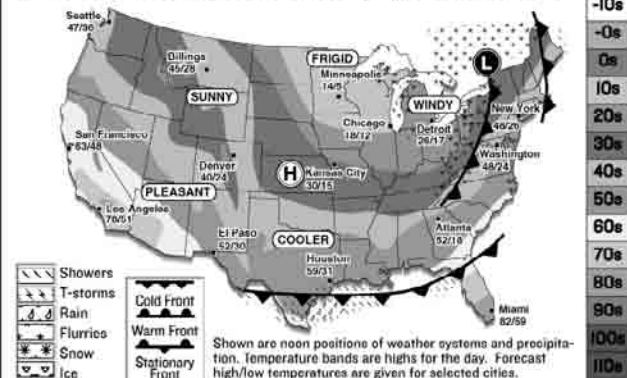
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## Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight	4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:17 p.m.
Moonset today	10:00 a.m.



## National Weather for Thursday, December 7



## National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	52/18/pc	47/27/s
Boston	48/30/pc	36/26/sf
Chicago	18/12/pc	32/23/pc
Dallas	48/22/s	48/28/s
Denver	40/24/s	56/24/s
Honolulu	84/72/pc	83/72/pc
Los Angeles	78/51/s	72/48/s
Miami	82/59/c	73/58/pc
New York City	48/26/pc	32/26/s
Orlando	71/46/sh	59/42/pc
Seattle	47/36/pc	49/36/c

## World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	52/45/r	50/41/r
Athens	62/46/pc	64/46/pc
Berlin	48/42/c	50/43/c
Buenos Aires	82/61/pc	84/63/pc
Calgary	50/28/pc	42/28/pc
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## A New President for GWU

FOGGY BOTTOM | Steven Knapp, the man George Washington University trustees selected to be the school's next president, was formally introduced to the Foggy Bottom campus on Wednesday. Knapp has been touted as a leader "with the academic credentials, fundraising experience and skills to push the school to become a more ambitious and better endowed research institution," The Washington Post's Susan Kinzie reported.



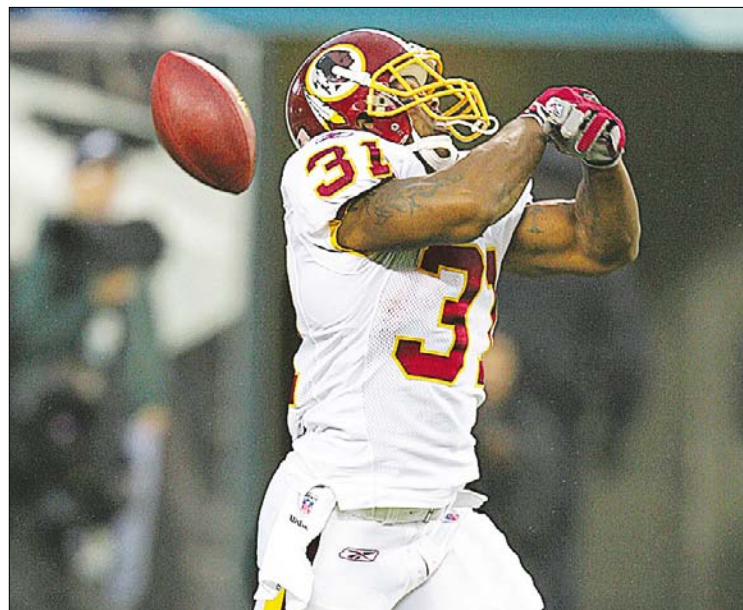
Knapp

an accomplished drummer, Knapp is involved in the sheep business. It's a job that's forced him to go shoulder-to-shoulder with a difficult sheep, wrestling with it so he could clean its hooves. So GWU's Foggy Bottom neighbors should know they aren't dealing with a pushover. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

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found at [DASHBUS.COM](http://DASHBUS.COM). For those heading to Alexandria's Old Town via Metrorail, DASH runs a free shuttle bus service from the King Street station on weekends. M.G.

### → Coming Up Today

Fantasy football keeper leaguers are eyeing guys auditioning for next year, such as the Redskins' RBs. Dream Team tells you which players to watch.

## ? Poll Center

### TODAY'S QUESTION

Can the U.S. really improve the situation in Iraq?

1. Yes
2. No

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should Robert Gates be confirmed as defense secretary?

**YES** **NO**

77% 23%

As of 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Not a scientific poll.

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRO RAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT [READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP](http://READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP)



"I just hope you ... remember to drive defensively wherever you are and, remember, granting someone else right-of-way means you get to live."

A [DCCABBIE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://DCCABBIE.BLOGSPOT.COM) COMMENTER CHIMES IN ON A POSTING ABOUT INCREASED DRUNKEN DRIVING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

### Jesus vs. Frosty

"Frosty was so much bigger than Jesus last year that there were complaints. Which ... is crazy. How are you going to find a baby Jesus as big as Frosty? Everyone knows Jesus is just a newborn baby and Frosty is a full-grown snowman."

[WOMENHAVINGITALL.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://WOMENHAVINGITALL.BLOGSPOT.COM) COMMENTS ON A STORY ABOUT A RURAL TOWN AND ITS GIANT SNOWMAN DISPLAY.

"Next thing you know, Giada will be partying with Britney just so she can show up online."

[FOODNETWORKADDICT.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://FOODNETWORKADDICT.BLOGSPOT.COM) ON FOOD PERSONALITY RACHAEL RAY APPEARING ON "SESAME STREET."



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### A Future Moon Base

"We thirst for knowledge — it feeds us, gives us purpose and keeps us going. So we are going to have an outpost on the moon, and I was having fun today looking on Google Moon trying to figure out where the base would be, wondering if it will be visible from Earth, wondering if, eventually, like space travel, enough money could get you a trip."

[TERPISCHORE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://TERPISCHORE.BLOGSPOT.COM) ON NASA'S PLANNED NEW MOON MISSION.



### A Depressing 99.5 Drive Time

"The Beltway is bad enough to deal with; we don't need to further want to gouge our eyes out while commuting to work by listening to sad talk-show quality stories that are better for Geraldo or Maury."

[CITYSPARKLE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://CITYSPARKLE.BLOGSPOT.COM) DOESN'T LIKE KANE, THE NEW TALENT FOR 99.5 FM'S MORNING SHOW OR HIS DEPRESSING ROUTINE.

## Live Online

### High-Tech Gifts

Tech writer **DANIEL GREENBERG** was online Wednesday at [washing-tonpost.com](http://washing-tonpost.com) to discuss some of this season's best offerings for those looking for high-tech holiday gifts.

**Too many gadgets. I have a cell phone, PocketPC and am looking to add an MP3 player. But I cannot carry a third device. Are there any phones that have decent MP3 capabilities — or would be worth it as a PocketPC/phone?**

I use a Treo 650 to accomplish all those tasks because I, too, got tired of a pocketful of unintegrated gadgets.

**I'm thinking about buying myself an MP3 player for Christmas. Here's the dilemma. I like the looks of the iPod, but I'm not a popular/rock music fan. I would like to download things from satellite radio and the Web. Is there a best bet among the alternatives?**

iPods are fine for non-rock music, too. I like acoustic folk and classical, and the iPod (with upgraded ear-

buds) is great for even the quiet passages. For downloading from satellite radio, consider the Samsung Helix or the Pioneer Inno for XM. For Sirius, consider the new Sirius Stiletto 100.

**Can you recommend a decent digital camera for \$200 or less that doesn't have shutter lag?**

Two brands that have done a good job of eliminating shutter lag in even low-cost cameras are HP and Sony. HP makes a PhotoSmart in your price range with low lag. Sony's Cyber-Shot line has several with extremely low lag.

**I plan on purchasing an iPod soon. Is there any hope that prices would go down a bit after Christmas, or is that one of those things that never really goes "on sale"?**

iPods sell too well and are too fashionable for Apple to have much incentive to discount them. However, Apple is very good at continually offering better models at the old price points, so that's kind of like a sale. This cycle will likely happen again after the big MacWorld expo in January.

# DON'T

**BE AN ATHLETE.** Why set yourself up to be obsolete? First, robots replaced humans as camel jockeys. OK. Who cares? But now they have their own International Robot Olympiad ([iroc.org](http://iroc.org)), a multi-sport android competition ongoing until Saturday. Give up.

**TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:** Washington Post music critic J. Freedom du Lac discusses the Grammy nominations at 2 p.m. | [washing-tonpost.com/liveonline](http://washing-tonpost.com/liveonline)



### Bizarro | Dan Piraro



### Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Try to be more like Mary. Mary's a real team player."

### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** A cry for help must not go unanswered; do what you can to make things better — for yourself, for those around you, for everyone.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're very likely in for a full day, so you'll want to get started in a manner that invites success, not failure. Focus on inner rhythms.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may be feeling somewhat insecure at this time, but an encounter with someone very much like yourself has you feeling more confident very soon.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You have the opportunity to learn a great deal about something that has always fascinated you. You'll be able to collect a great deal of information.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Traveling from one place to the next may be easier than expected — in some ways. In others, it may be more difficult, but you can solve problems.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** There's no

reason to think you can't have anything you want — provided you get the right kind of start early on. Don't hesitate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You should be able to raise the stakes quite dramatically. Those with less on the line will eventually drop out of the race.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** This is a good day to experiment with a new idea or way of life — if only in a small way at first. You needn't make any dramatic changes.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You can learn from those around you. Watch what others do in tense situations. Put yourself in their shoes — what would you do?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It may seem premature to choose to do one thing over all others, but you feel ready to make just such a commitment. Still, why rush?

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** There's no reason for you to continue going through life with a heavy heart at this time. Give yourself more credit, and break negative habits now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** A loved one may be demanding more from you than you are able to give right now. This doesn't mean, of course, that you must go your separate ways.

## Letters

### Don't Cut Big 3 Comics

**IN READING THE LETTERS** section of Express last month, I could not believe what I was reading. There was a mention to the effect that "Pearls Before Swine" was going to be deleted from the comic section. I get an Express so that I will

have my big three in comics: "Pearls Before Swine," "Pooch Cafe" and "The Duplex" If you remove any of those three, there would be no reason for me to read Express.

—ANTHONY E. SHIRLEY  
Washington, D.C.

### Correction:

In Wednesday's Express, the USS Intrepid was incorrectly referred to as a battleship. It is an aircraft carrier.

**WRITE TO EXPRESS:** Include name, hometown and telephone number. Submissions may be edited. E-mail to [inbox@readexpress.com](mailto:inbox@readexpress.com) or mail to Express Letters, PO Box 17370, Arlington, VA 22216.

## Today in History

**1941** Japanese forces attack American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

**1972** Fire breaks out at the Wincoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze kills 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Wincoff.

**1983** In Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC-9 collides on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that is accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42

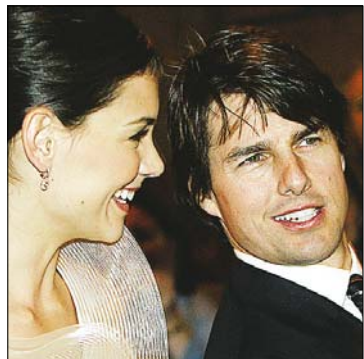


Japanese forces attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor today in 1941.

people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

**1988** A major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastates northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.





"I will so get custody of Suri, you loon."

## B-LIST

### Suri-Viewing Arranged For Less Important Friends

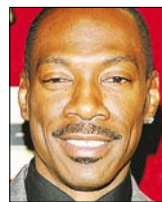
Newlyweds **TOM CRUISE** and **KATIE HOLMES** will celebrate their nuptials with a post-wedding party in Los Angeles this weekend. The reception will be held at the home of Paula Wagner, Cruise's producing partner, and Rick Nicita, his agent, said Cruise's spokesman. The party is "for friends [who] were not able to attend the wedding," he said. (AP)

## DNA TESTING

### 'Mommy, Why Does Dad Keep Pulling Out My Hairs?'

**EDDIE MURPHY** and former Spice Girl Melanie Brown may have dated earlier this year, but the actor-comedian is making it clear that he's not sure whether he's the father of her unborn child.

Murphy was recently asked whether he was excited that Brown was pregnant. "I don't know whose child that is until it comes out and has a blood test. You shouldn't jump to conclusions, sir," Murphy responded. (AP)



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## NON-SECRET RELATIONSHIPS

# No More Denial

Reps for **JENNIFER ANISTON** and **VINCE VAUGHN** have confirmed that the Hollywood couple have called it quits, People reported. "Jennifer and Vince mutually agreed to end their relationship but continue to be good friends today," said Stephen Huvane and John Pisani. The pair decided to end their romance after Aniston visited Vaughn in London in October. (AP)

## OVER

### Perhaps This Is Code for 'Time to Run for President'

**JERRY SPRINGER** has ended his radio show, saying he's too busy with other projects after his stint on "Dancing With the Stars." On "Stars," he became an audience favorite, leading to other opportunities. Springer

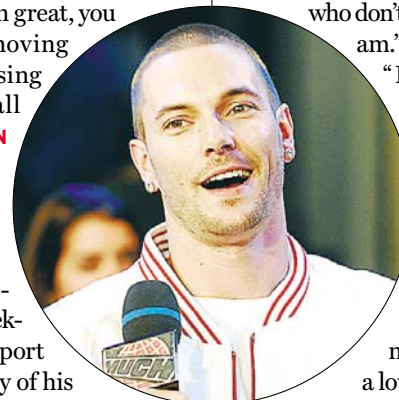
said he's filming a Bud Light commercial, has been asked to play a recurring character on "George Lopez" and will play a rabbi in the upcoming film "God Only Knows." (AP)



## LOOK IT UP

### Kevin Federline in Midst Of a Dissociative Fugue

"I am good, I am great, you know ... just moving along, progressing and taking it all in stride," **KEVIN FEDERLINE** told "E! News" in an interview that aired Wednesday night. Federline, who is seeking spousal support and sole custody of his sons with Spears, says he's a family man and "that is the truth ... in all honesty, that is what it is." On



the media, he said, "I laugh a little bit about it, you know. ... I don't take it too seriously. Those are people who don't really know who I am." His debut album, "Playing With Fire," sold only 6,500 copies in its first week. Federline said he's "working it slowly, still trying to get out there and do more stuff. ... I got a lot of options on the table right now." His New Year's resolution? To be "a little bit wiser, a little bit stronger." (AP)


## BANDWAGON

### A Jealous Carrot Top Says Bad Word, Issues Apology

**ANDY DICK** has apologized for using the same racial slur that got Michael Richards in trouble. Dick jumped onstage during a routine by Ian Bagga at the Improv on Saturday night and used the n-word in an apparent attempt to joke about Richards. "I chose to make a joke about a subject that is not funny," he said in a statement provided to the Los Angeles Times. "In an attempt to make light of a serious subject, I have offended a lot of people, and I am sorry for my insensitivity." According to TMZ.com, Dick suddenly grabbed the microphone and shouted at the crowd, "You're all a bunch of" n-words. (AP)



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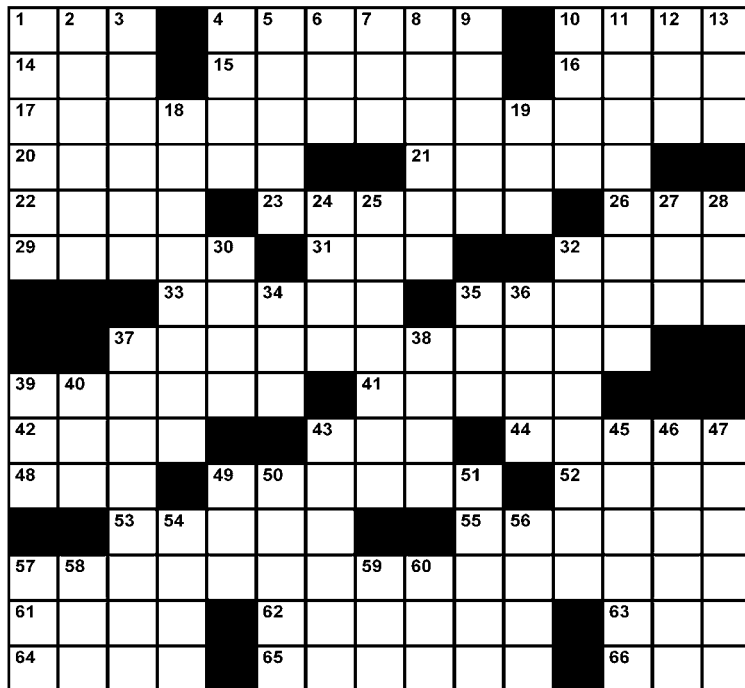
- 1 Beer bust unit  
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10 Torme's forte  
14 Of a previous time  
15 Ring around a pupil, e.g.  
16 "Nessun Dorma," e.g.  
17 Decision maker's critical moment  
20 Container meant to be broken  
21 For \_\_\_ sake  
22 Sparkling wine spot  
23 Consults Bartlett's, e.g.  
26 Word indicating a tie  
29 Calpurnia's robe, e.g.  
31 Type of school, briefly  
32 Drooling pooch of comics  
33 Theater offering, sometimes  
35 Confusing mixtures of sounds  
37 Methods of creating computer graphics, etc.  
39 Ready to retire  
41 Put the whammy on  
42 It may come from above  
43 Value of Q in Scrabble  
44 Radio station supply  
48 Touching game  
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- 52 Organic compound  
53 Levi's "Christ Stopped at \_\_\_"  
55 Deliberately not notice  
57 Palace of Versailles decor, e.g.  
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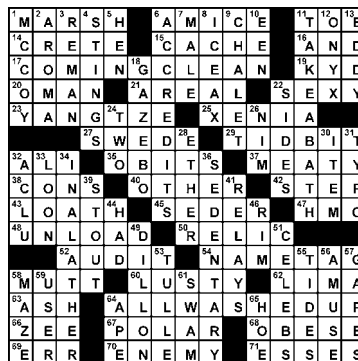
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3 Select, as a career  
4 "The Simpsons" creator Groening  
5 Loud, as the surf  
6 Ump's kin  
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8 Skipped the big wedding  
9 Risk runner  
10 Fill to surfeit  
11 High-minded causes  
12 Bring up, as a grievance  
13 Browning work?  
18 Establish conclusively  
19 Roswell, N.M. visitors?  
24 Poet Lazarus  
25 Bird dropping?  
27 Dogpatch diminutive



- 28 Guitar great Paul  
30 They may be liberal  
32 In compliance  
34 Former first daughter  
35 Jazz legend Beiderbecke  
36 Involuntarily out of a job  
37 Comic verse  
38 Philosopher Descartes  
39 "Fall back" time, in brief  
40 River inlet  
43 Thing of very little value  
45 Tapirs' noses, e.g.  
46 Horse enclosure  
47 Happy colleague  
49 It causes many to start  
50 Type of tree  
51 Type of closet  
54 Tight spot  
56 Essence  
57 Sound of a sock  
58 Portentous time, on a calendar  
59 Egypt and Syr., 1958-61  
60 Jct. component, sometimes

## Yesterday's Solution



## Su|do|ku

Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

## Yesterday's Solution

7	6	3	5	1	9	8	2	4
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## Need more Su|do|ku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

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**DONE**

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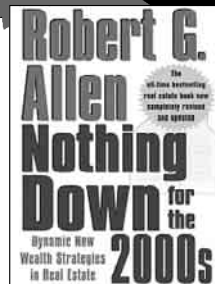
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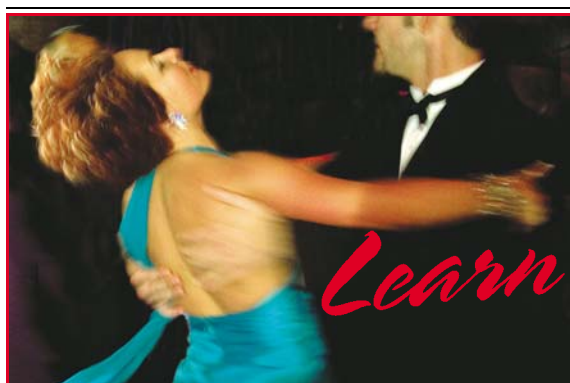
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**NAME:** Kathleen Akerley  
**GIG:** Director, "The Skriker"

**SUPERNATURAL BEINGS** LIVING underground, baby-eating fairies and creatures who draw wishes out of impressionable young girls. No, it's not "Buffy"; it's Caryl Churchill's play "The Skriker," staged by Forum Theatre and Dance and directed by Kathleen Akerley.

#### How would you describe this drama?

A modern, environmentalist, dark fairy tale. It does have some singing and there's choreography, but it's sort of an anti-musical. The choreographed part is hectic and meant to be off-key.

#### What is the Skriker?

The Skriker is described by Caryl Churchill as a "shape-shifter and death portent, ancient and damaged." She's, for the purposes of this play, a fairy. Not an impor-

tant fairy, more of a foot soldier. She can take any form and she can grant wishes.

#### What does she want?

She appears to want these two main characters, Josie and Lily, to make a wish. On the surface, she appears to have an interest in one of the girls' babies. When she states her intents, she seems to have vengeance on her mind. She might simply want to destroy everything human.

#### Cheery. Why babies?

Pure energy, purity of spirit. The suggestion is that the fairies feed off people. The baby would make good food. Taking the baby and replacing it with a fairy is one of the appetites the Skriker has.

#### What attracts it to Josie and Lily?

They're very needy. They're young. They're extremely vulnerable and manipulable. My image of the Skrik-



**FRIGHT NIGHT:** "The Skriker" features a spooky, shape-shifting fairy of death.

er is as a hunter; the trail these girls leave is confused desperation.

#### What does the Skriker represent?

I'm going to say the Earth, that she's actually Mother Earth, in a much different context — the strangeness of the Earth. The fairies are sent underground and then come back deluded and angry. It's really an upheaval of the Earth itself.

#### How will you be portraying the shape-shifting Skriker?

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**"[The Skriker] might simply want to destroy everything human."**

life smoking.

#### What kind of people do you think will enjoy "The Skriker"?

Foremost, people who like fantasy. All my actors told me, if you liked the movie "Labyrinth," you'll like this. It's also political. It's got things to say about the way individuals live. It's Caryl Churchill, though; she doesn't hit you with the point; it's just there. If you like things to make sense, I'd say come, but have a drink first. ERIN TROMPETER

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**OUT & ABOUT** | Between the Norwegian doings at Union Station and the Christmaspalooza at the Swedish Embassy, it's shaping up to be a very Scandinavian holiday season here in D.C.

The Friends of the House of Sweden hold a Swedish Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, at which local Swedish organizations will offer food, handicrafts and music of their native land.

But less homey treats are afoot in the House of Sweden, the embassy's cultural arm and one of the most striking buildings in the city. Two exhibitions once again prove how clean, pleasing and effortlessly cut-



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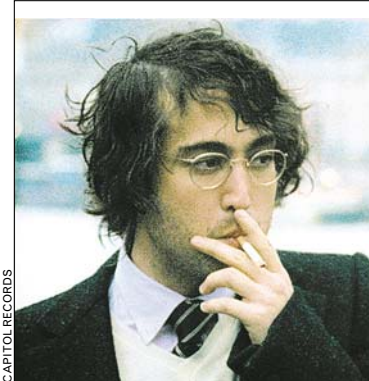
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In "Indigènes" ("Days of Glory"), shown above, four North African soldiers fight for France, their colonizer, during World War II. The ensemble cast won a collective best actor honor at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival. Danny Glover, below, makes a cameo in the Malian movie "Bamako."

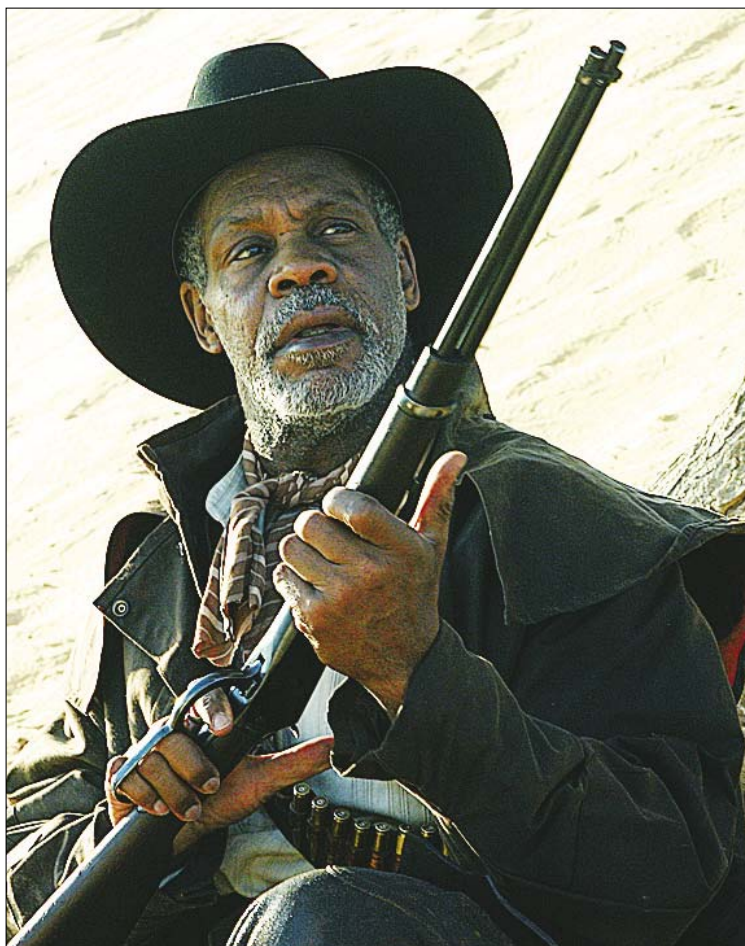
# Movies From The Motherland

## New African Films Festival brings fresh talent to AFI Silver

FILM | AFI Silver has done plenty of European film showcases, which is natural: Some of the greatest films come out of that region of the world. But more important, the Silver has opened its art deco doors to Africa with the recurring film series CinemAfrica and, now, the New African Films Festival.

Africa isn't just a continent the oozes with untapped potential; it's a place where excellent films are already being made, but they just aren't being seen in this part of the globe. "In the last few years, there has been somewhat of an explosion of films made by Africans — a lot of quality films that haven't been able to get distribution here, unfortunately," said Mwiza Munthali, director of information for TransAfrica Forum, a D.C.-based activist organization that focuses on the African world and its diaspora.

TransAfrica Forum teamed with Radio One, BET J, Afrikafé and the Silver for the third edition of the New African Films Festival. The 11 feature-length movies were chosen for their quality but also for their diversity. "We tried to get the whole continent represented — North, South, East, West



and Central Africa," Mwiza said. "So we have films from Nigeria, Kenya, Morocco, Congo, Cape Verde, South Africa. And we also wanted to bring in films from countries that people may not be exposed to, like Mozam-

bique, which has an up-and-coming film industry."

The four-day festival kicks off on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with a VIP reception featuring Danny Glover, who's on the TransAfrica

board and makes an appearance in that evening's movie, "Bamako," by Malian filmmaker Abderrahmane Sissako. "It's one of the best new films coming out of the continent," said Mwiza, "and it's highlighting an important issue that's affecting Africa: the role of how the IMF and World Bank policies are affecting economies of the African continent."

Other highlights of the festival include "Indigènes" ("Days of Glory"), a film that follows four North African soldiers in World War II as they fight for their colonizer, France, against Germany.

"Mo & Me" is a documentary on the legendary cameraman Mohamed "Mo" Amin, who covered major African events for 30 years. It was his pictures of starving Ethiopian children in the 1980s that caught the world's attention on the country's famine.

And "Drum" stars Taye Diggs as a 1950s reporter for "Drum" magazine, a trend-setting arts and nightlife publication based in the Sophiatown section of Johannesburg, which was like the Harlem of South Africa before it was razed by the country's apartheid government.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Thu.-Mon., \$9.25 per film; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)

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**INNA TOWNSHEND STYLE:** The Oranges Band is down with the sound of Run-DMC, but the group's good-time vibe is more reminiscent of the Who gone dub.

# Summertime Blues

## The Oranges Band loves the hip-hop but really rocks the indie

**MUSIC** | "There seems to be an unwritten rule," said Roman Kuebler of the Oranges Band. "If you're swimming at night, you must take

your clothes off." But the one skinny-dipping incident is the most decadent story Kuebler has from his tours. No beefs, no weapons charges. Nothing to indicate an indie rocker might share the same musical roots as, say, Snoop Dogg.

"In high school, I was balls-out into rap music," said Kuebler. "I

wasn't into rock music at all. I have a pretty comprehensive knowledge of old-school and second generation rap: Run-DMC, Boogie Down Productions, Public Enemy, Stetsasonic, that stuff."

So whence the dual guitars, understated hooks, and wry, literate lyrics of the Oranges Band? The

deal with Lookout! Records? The tours with Ted Leo, the Hold Steady and Spoon (with whom Kuebler has played bass on tour)?

Blame REM. That band led Kuebler to discover college radio, which led to shows by Pavement and Archers of Loaf. "That's when I got hooked. It was refreshing. You'd see

the show with 40 people and then sit and hang out with them after."

Perhaps it's that street party vibe that connects old-school rap to indie rock. The summertime vibe of its 2005 album, "The World & Everything In It," might share a sensibility with early De La Soul, but the songs could belong to Pete Townsend. The most adventurous moment is the title track, which exhibits loping bass and an echoey keyboard line borrowed from Jamaican dub, but teamed with harmonies from the Who.

"There was a time when the band was starting," said Kuebler, "that all our peers in Baltimore were writing heavy tunes about heroin or corruption—all negativity. It was kind of emotional, but it made me want to connect with a more positive kind of jam."

Hence, none of the tough-guy posturing that sells rap and metal to angsty teenagers. "We're just a little bit boring," jokes Kuebler. "It doesn't add to the legend very much." It's hard enough, he said, "to be witty and clever and still write good music." **BOB MASSEY**

→ *The Red and the Black*, 1212 H St. NW; Thu., 9 p.m. \$8. 202-399-3201.

# She's Manic-Depressing

## 'It's Only Talk' about fragile minds and complicated emotions

**FILM** | Bipolar disorder, erectile dysfunction and kissing cousins — they're just a few of the complications in the life of the heroine at the center of "It's Only Talk," screening for free at the Freer Gallery of Art on Dec. 10.

In Japanese with English subtitles, the movie is the latest collaboration between actress Shinobu Terajima and director Ryuichi Hiroki, who worked together on 2003's "Vibrator."

The psychological drama "Talk" stars Shinobu Terajima as Yuko, a 35-year-old manic-depressive who lives off an inheritance and spends her days snapping photos and lounging in the public bath. She's been on the edge of sanity for the past six years after her parents died in an



**SANITY'S EDGE:** Shinobu Terajima stars in the dark drama "It's Only Talk."

earthquake, bouncing in and out of psychiatric hospitals and finding solace on the Internet, where she meets a community of misfits who are drawn to her photos.

Further complicating her life are the men surrounding her, who are at once the by-products and the causes

of her continued mental troubles. She encounters a shady man from the Internet who prides himself on being a pervert, a depressive Yakuza gangster, a former college classmate (and aspiring politician) who is battling erectile dysfunction and her cousin, Shoichi, who is helpless to stop his crumbling marriage.

The complicated emotional drama follows Yuko's evolving relationship with her cousin, her battle to stay sane and a host of other issues with a quiet, dreamy grace.

"It's Only Talk" is part of the Freer Gallery's Discoveries 2006 program, which showcases new films from Asia. This Freer Gallery screening is the film's Washington, D.C., debut. **DAN MILLER**

→ *Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium, 12th St. and Jefferson Drive SW; Sun., 2 p.m., free with tickets; 202-633-4880.*

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# The Funny Business

## Jimmy Dore's social criticisms are spiced with a pinch of jape

COMEDY | Jimmy Dore is a funny guy. Naturally, since he's a stand-up comedian, actor and off-Broadway performer.

But it turns out he's funny in his downtime as well. Laid up with a back injury, the Chicago-born comic spent a lot of time watching television news and talk shows and realized he had something to say about them.

Dore ended up crafting a stand-up act from these rants. His show "Politics and Pop" settles into the Improv for an extended stint and features video clips and his own wry, devastatingly simple commentary.

"I wasn't sure what to call it," said Dore of his quirky show. "I was gonna call it 'Jimmy Yells at

the TV."

Dore feels he's doing one of comedy's obligations, and no cows should be sacred.

"Comedians are, you know — some of them, and I'm one — social critics. And I think it's doubly funny when someone who considers himself a social critic, like Carlos, is completely unaware of how ridiculous they are."

Ah, Carlos. That would be Mencia, whose HBO show, "The Mind of Mencia," features the Honduran-American comedian waxing cruel at the expense of minimum-wage workers. Not that the audience, primed to laugh, has always been ready for Dore's barbs.

"When I first started playing that clip, I thought it kind of spoke for itself. ... [But] people would laugh at his joke. ... For me, it doesn't take much light to see through Carlos Mencia, but I guess it's not like that for others."



**JOKES WITH BITE:** Jimmy Dore chomps away at "Politics and Pop" in his new show.

But usually, when Jimmy yells at the TV, he sounds a lot more like Keith Olberman than Jerry Seinfeld.

"It is frightening how we're willing to give up all of our freedoms and constitutional protections as soon as we get scared. That's the difference between George Bush and a real leader: A real leader calms people in a time of fear and George Bush tries to panic people in a time of peace."

But Dore is an equal-opportunity balloon-poker. If one of the social critic's obligations is to mock hypocrisy and highlight absurdity, no one gets a free pass. Most audiences get it, he said, especially in traditionally conservative areas. At the rare dissenter, Dore just shakes his head.

"I had a lady actually come up and say to me, 'I'm all for freedom of speech, I get it, but that's our president.' And I said, 'You know, I don't really think you do get it. That is freedom of speech.'"

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

→ *The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; through Sun., \$15-\$17; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)*

# The Serious Gangsta

## Ice Cube has cinema — and the state of rap music — on his mind

MUSIC | Ice Cube acknowledges that the hip-hop firmament is full of his descendants on "Child Support," a cut from his latest CD, "Laugh Now, Cry Later." But the father of gangsta rap isn't happy that his "bastard kids" are neck-deep in consumerism.

The remarkably soft-spoken emcee, set to burn through 75 minutes of hits at Love on Friday, said the phrase "laugh now, cry later" sums up "the state of hip-hop. It's a warning to the hip-hop nation. The industry's all into playin'. Everybody's into materialism. Thinking like that always come back to haunt you."

The artists he praises as "serious" and "tight" — the Roots and Lupe Fiasco — produce work remarkably unlike the guns-, drugs- and hate-filled template that Cube's group N.W.A. laid out nearly 20 ago,



**BLING-FREE?** Ice Cube acted as grand marshal of Howard U.'s '06 homecoming.

though acting gangsta remains the surest route to the top today.

Cube said he allows his literal offspring to listen to N.W.A. "no

matter how old they are," and explains to his kids that the group's explicitly violent and sexual lyrics play into the fact that "people like

to see it, hear it, hear about it. These records are like a movie."

The cinema comes up again when Cube, famously able to transition from spitting nightmarish descriptions of urban warfare to starring in children's movies, is asked what he still wants to accomplish.

"Just grow my company [Cube Vision]. I've accomplished it, but I

For more of our conversation with Ice Cube, visit [readexpress.com](http://readexpress.com)

think it can get bigger. I want it to grow steady and become a real player in movies from here on out."

If you want to join the countless others following in Ice Cube's footsteps, he advised aspiring rapper-actors to "get hot in your own town first. To be noticed in my own neighborhood. Then try to be noticed in my own city, state, and then you'd be surprised how many major producers, labels, people are gonna want to work with you."

It's amazing, how wise parents are sometimes.

TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

→ *Love, 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., 9 p.m., \$20; 202-636-9030.*

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## It's a Zoo Out There

**WHAT:** Friends of the National Zoo's

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**WHERE:** Zoo's Elephant House, 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; [fonz.org](http://fonz.org)

**WHEN:** Thu., 6-9 p.m.

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# Queen of Rockabilly

**Elvis Presley knew Wanda Jackson could be a rock star**

**MUSIC** | Wanda Jackson didn't know she was cut out to be a rockabilly pioneer. The 17-year-old from Oklahoma City was making a name for herself as a country singer when she got sidetracked by a tourmate at a radio-station promo stop in Cape Girardeau, Miss., in July 1955.

"Well, golly, you know — I saw this tall, good-lookin' guy, and I said, 'That's who I'm workin' with?'" Jackson recalled. "What does he do? Is he country or what is [he]? I didn't really know until that evening."

That's when she discovered what Elvis Presley was all about. On an interview track off her new tribute album, "I Remember Elvis,"

she recounts how her father bolted from her dressing room when he heard the screams of what they assumed were fans fleeing a fire: "And then he walks back into my room and he says, 'Wanda, you're not gonna believe this. You gotta see it for yourself.'"

Girls had swooned for Sinatra, but this was something else. "With Elvis, it was just pure, raw excitement," she said. Presley saw something in Jackson, too, and with his encouragement, she was soon tearing up rockabilly barn-burners such as "Let's Have a Party" and "Riot in Cell Block #9."

Her electrifying squall should have made Jackson a household name, but it never happened. The country sides of her singles hit in the U.S., while overseas audiences were hot for the blistering rockabilly



**ROCK ON:** Wanda Jackson's career as a country singer was sidetracked when she met a loose-hipped dude named Elvis.

flips. When Jackson plays the Black Cat Friday, expect to hear "Fujiyama Mama," which kicks off with, "I've been to Nagasaki/Hiroshima, too/The same I did to them, baby, I can do to you." Never a hit stateside, it actually went to No. 1 in Japan.

Jackson may have played the bad

girl on her records, but her real-life romance with Presley was a tame affair. "We weren't in love with each other," she said. "We liked each other and enjoyed the company of each other."

Separated by distance and the interference of Colonel Tom Parker,

who whisked Elvis off to Hollywood, the two drifted apart. But Jackson still has Presley's ring. **GLENN DIXON**

→ *Black Cat*, 1811 14th St. NW; with the *Lustre Kings*, Fri., 9 p.m., \$18 (advance), \$20 (day of show); 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

# Consumerism Reports

**The new show at the Gallery at Flashpoint tackles indulgences**

**GALLERIES** | Have you made your list for Santa yet? Jotted down some gift ideas for friends, family, co-workers? Maybe it's time to think about how much — and why — we consume.

Five artists at the Gallery at Flashpoint are thinking about it. Its new show poses questions about what we take into our houses and bodies, about the lust for things and for people and what ownership means.

Curated by Angela Jerardi, "Consume" includes works by Baltimore's Heidi Neff, who appropriates images from pornographic magazines and turns them into enigmatic, quietly friendly hand-pulled prints. D.C. photographer and video artist



**EAT ME:** "Consume" forces us to consider our needs versus our desires.

Michael Wichita turns a jaundiced, good-natured eye on our propensity for acquisition.

Both Lani Iacovelli and Chris Lawrence take a hard look at medicine and the body — health, the health-care system, sexuality and the fraught intertwining of physical need and how much or how little society provides to fill those needs. Baltimore artist Jessie Lehson uses edibles in an installation focusing

on our literal consumption of the natural world.

And on Saturday, Jerardi and her sometime collaborator Ginger Wagg perform "Eat + Buy," with an "interactive food demonstration" from Lehson.

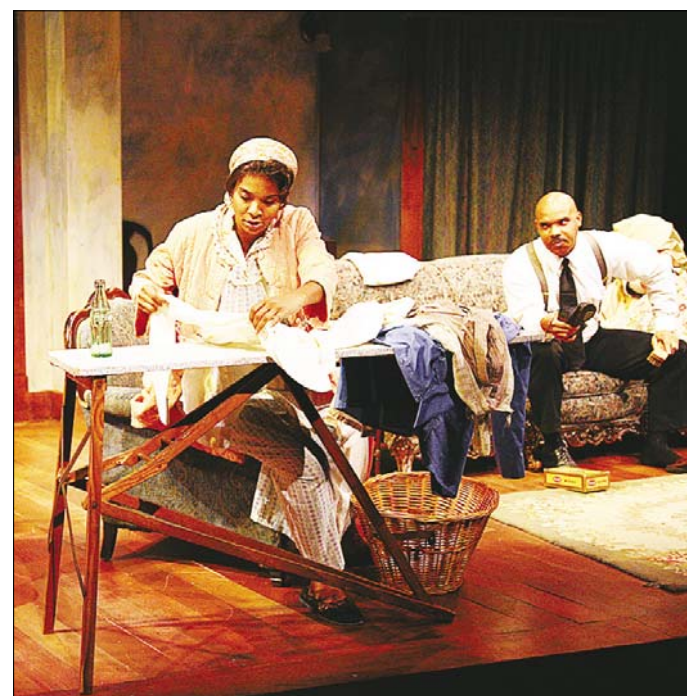
The show closes in January with a multi-artist performance, "Look + Listen." Jerardi will perform excerpts from her "Efficiency" project, about the consumption of time itself. Joe Lally and Willie Hoffman provide the live music and DJ Name Names (Ian Svevonijs) spins.

In a wink twist, "Consume" even features items for sale by the artists, testing visitors' willpower and tempting their aesthetic urges. Sure, it's a tease, but a clever one.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

→ *The Gallery at Flashpoint*, 916 G St. NW; through Jan. 6, free; 202-315-1305.

**STAGE** | TRY AGAIN TOMORROW



**HOPING AGAINST HOPE:** "A Raisin in the Sun" was seen as a play about the black experience when it debuted in 1959. But the drama of a family hanging on to its dreams by a thread has proved enduring and universal. African Continuum Theatre stages the classic at Atlas Performing Arts Center.



# Minimalist Jazz Masterpieces

## The Tord Gustavsen Trio's Nordic tones set to warm up D.C.

**MUSIC** | The music of pianist/composer Tord Gustavsen exemplifies that "Nordic tone" with its emphasis on crystalline melody and keen spatial awareness. While Gustavsen doesn't completely protest the idea his music is quintessential Nordic jazz, he does argue it's the exception. "We use a lot more of the blues elements than many of

the other Scandinavian musicians," he explained. "We also have a lot more Caribbean and black American spiritual influences as much as we have the European influences."

Gustavsen and his longtime trio mates — bassist Harald Johnsen and drummer Jarle Vespestad — concoct a spellbinding sensation that's winning critics worldwide, as heard on the trio's ECM discs "The Ground" and "Changing Places." Thursday night, the band plays the Kennedy Center as a part of the Norwegian



**NORTHERN SOUL:** Tord Gustavsen (center) and his trio play brilliant, delicate jazz.

Embassy's 10th annual Norwegian Christmas celebration.

Gearing up to record for a 2007

release, Gustavsen said more than half of the Kennedy Center concert will focus on new material. "We're

definitely still a very minimalist and very melodic, almost romantic, trio, but we're introducing more grooves and more freedom in the shape of the tune and in the way that we improvise."

Although Gustavsen's profile on the international jazz scene continues to rise, he said he'll continue working with his established trio. "We're trying to avoid that artificial pressure to change the lineup or introduce guests on our discs," he said. "All we want to do is deepen what's already there." **JOHN MURPH**

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# The Stage To Screen

## 'The History Boys' makes a successful jump to celluloid

**FILM** | For the past three years, Samuel Barnett and Dominic Cooper, the two British actors who star in the screen adaptation of Alan Bennett's hit play "The History Boys," have enjoyed the rare opportunity to reprise roles that earned the production a mountain of theater awards.

Barnett, 20, and Cooper, 26, never imagined when they were cast in the play that their little

ensemble drama about a group of British schoolboys would receive such recognition. And now the original cast remains intact for a major motion picture, directed by Nicholas Hytner (who directed the film of Bennett's "Madness of King George") and being released on Friday.

Like the acclaimed stage production, "The History Boys" film is set in the 1980s at Cutlers' Grammar School in Sheffield, a fictional boys' school in working-class northern England. The piece follows a group of exceptionally bright pupils prepar-



**DILATED PUPILS:** "The History Boys" movie expands on the Tony Award-winning play about grammar-school boys preparing for college in 1980s England.

ing for exams to gain entry into Oxford and Cambridge.

After performing "The History Boys" hundreds of times before live

audiences, the actors were excited to be able to put their characters on film.

"I kind of felt that a lot of the

work was already done," said Barnett, who earned a Tony Award nomination and a Drama Desk Award for his supporting performance as Posner, the most sensitive and impressionable of the eight scholarly youngsters.

Reprising the role that brought him a Tony Award for best actor, Richard Griffiths portrays Hector, the charismatic, dedicated yet flawed general studies teacher. Stephen Campbell Moore plays the progressive new teacher, Irwin. Frances de la Tour reprises her acclaimed stage role as a dedicated history teacher while Clive Merrison, a newcomer to the cast, is the school's lecherous headmaster.

Barnett and Cooper regard themselves as fortunate to have worked together for such a long time in an ensemble. "There were plenty of moments where we could have left at any time along the way, and nobody did," said Cooper. "Had we not got on, people would have left." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

### 1 Happy Feet

Anyone watching this computer-animated flick about an adorable tap-dancing penguin named Mumble is going to flip. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 2 Casino Royale

Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, this film turns out to be cracking good entertainment and a fresh start. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 3 Deja Vu

ATF agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) goes back in time to unravel a crime. The plot is cockamamie, and the depictions of a terrorist attack offensive. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 4 The Nativity Story

To its credit, this film puts the virgin birth in its proper context. But it's a drab exercise in glum piety, slumping where it should soar. **ANN HORNADAY**

### 5 Deck the Halls

This laugh-free comedy is about two



**PARTY!** The nubile hotties of "Turistas" find exploitation goes great with Red Bull.

suburbanites who battle over who'll celebrate with the most joyless, megawattage methods. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 6 The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

This sequel, which re-stars Tim Allen and 40 pounds of phony belly, has an almost criminal lack of invention or charm. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 7 Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

No petard goes unhoisted as Kazakh journalist Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath through the U.S. **ANN HORNADAY**

### 8 Turistas

This horror flick-cum-travelogue seems confused: Is it an oglefest of young things on the beach or a slice-a-rama? **DESSON THOMSON**

### 9 Stranger Than Fiction

This film is supposed to be about Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) and the authorial voice in his head. But the filmmakers are more interested in a lightweight romance. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 10 Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj

In this sequel of sorts, Kal Penn stars as a college student attempting to loosen up a repressed fellow student. This film was not screened.

## Indies&Arties

### Beautiful Losers

Some of the darkest classics of film noir flicker moodily across the screen at AFI this weekend (and on through Dec. 14) — "The Postman Always Rings Twice," "The Maltese Falcon," "Out of the Past," "Mildred Pierce" and more — as part of the "1940s Film Noir" showcase. But there's another attraction in Silver Spring, and it's hiding in plain sight. As part of the series "Francis Ford Coppola Redux," AFI screens the American auteur's sparkly romantic folly "One From the Heart." Reviled in its time (it was released in 1980), this achingly delicate, magical musical is set in Las Vegas and stars those rom-com sure things Teri Garr and Frederic Forrester.

→ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Sat., 1 p.m.; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)*

### 'The Rape of Europa'

As part of the Washington Jewish Film Festival, the National Gallery of Art presents a screening of Bonni Cohen's stunning (and depressing) 2005 documentary about the pillaging of European artwork at the hands of the Nazis.

→ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Consti-*



"The Forsaken Land" is a portrait of a country in a "suspended state of being."

tution Ave. NW; Fri., 12:30 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

### 'Forsaken Land'

Vimukthi Jayasundera's impressionistic film "Forsaken Land" portrays the strange, "suspended state of being," as the director calls it, of his home country, Sri Lanka. This allegory, screening on Friday, is poetic, mesmerizing and evocative. It won the Camera d'Or at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival.

→ *Freer Gallery, Meyer Auditorium, 1150 Jefferson Drive SW; Fri., 7 p.m., free with tickets; 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)*

# WeekendPass | Entertainment

## The Scene

### Sound

#### → THURSDAY

**Apex:** College Night with DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

**Birchmere:** Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50.

**Black Cat:** Citygoats, RPG, 9 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Chick Hall's Surf Club:** Hillbilly Jazz, 9 p.m., free.

**Crossroads:** Get Twisted Thursdays, 10 p.m., \$10.

**DC9:** Masked Marvel Band, Everyday Atlas, Rockwell Jones, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Five:** Static Age: DJs Steve EP, Stereo Faith, Killa K., Krasty McNasty, 9 p.m., \$8 (free before 10 p.m.).

**Iota:** Trachtenburg Family Slideshow on Ice, Ching Chong Song, 9 p.m., \$14.

**Jammin' Java:** Teitur (CD Release), Judd & Maggie, Luke Brindley, 8 p.m., \$15.

**Kennedy Center:** Tord Gustavsen Trio, 6 p.m., free. NSO Pops: Happy Holidays! Marvin Hamlisch, conductor, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

**Love:** College Night, 9 p.m., \$10.

**National Geographic:** An Irish Christmas in America, 6 & 8:30 p.m., \$23-\$27.

**9:30 Club:** The Dan Band, 8:45 p.m., \$25.

**Palladium:** One Night Stand, 9 p.m., \$10 (ladies free with Internet pass).

**Platinum:** DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

**Rams Head:** Reverend Billy C. Wirtz, Little Toby Walker, 7 p.m., \$20.

**The Red & the Black:** The Oranges Band, the Fake Accents, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** Robbers on High Street, Monopoli, the Office, 9 p.m., \$10-\$12.

**State Theatre:** Santa Jam, 8 p.m., \$10.

**Strathmore:** A Shenandoah Conservatory Family Christmas, 7:30 p.m., \$30.

**Twins Jazz:** The Kevin Robinson Ensemble, 8 p.m., \$10 (or nonperishable food/toy donation).

**Zanzibar:** Familiar Faces, 8 p.m., \$15.

#### → FRIDAY

**Apex:** DJ Melissa, VJ Mark Hawkins, Karaoke with Gladys Kravitz, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Black Cat:** Wanda Jackson, the Lustre Kings, 9 p.m., \$20 (\$18 in advance). Blackcatatonia Dance Party: DJ DK,

#### LIVE MELODIC ROCK | SHOW STEALERS



**THICK AS THIEVES:** New York-based quartet Robbers on High Street play the Rock and Roll Hotel on Thursday night. These musical bandits have been praised for their range. The quartet's music is a magpie's nest of shiny appropriations, from big-guitar rock to balladry and all kinds of rockin' in between. The Robbers are also known for their nuanced instrumental interplay, which may be the result of a lifelong friendship among the guys.

10 p.m., free (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Bohemian Caverns:** Young Lions, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Chick Hall's Surf Club:** Mary Shaver, Mariana Previti, the Smok'n Polecats, \$10.

**Crossroads:** Escape Fridays, 9 p.m., \$10.

**DC9:** Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5.

**Five:** Absolute Addiction dance night, 9 p.m., \$10.

**George Mason University's Center for the Arts:** A Classic Christmas: Christopher Parkening, guitar; Jubilant Sykes, baritone, 8 p.m., \$21-\$42.

**Iota:** The Sketches, Florez, Alphonso Velez, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** Bill Kirchen and Too Much

Fun Christmas Show, 8 p.m., \$20 (\$17 in advance).

**Jaxx:** Funny Money, Hellenback, Bad Seed, Unfiltered Impulse, Bone Shaker, 8 p.m., \$15 (\$10 in advance).

**Kennedy Center:** NSO Youth Fellows, 6 p.m., free. NSO Pops: Happy Holidays! Marvin Hamlisch, conductor, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80. NPR's "A Jazz Piano Christmas,"

## venues

**Apex:** 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

**Bangkok Blues:** 926 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-534-0095.

**Birchmere Music Hall:** 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500.

**Black Cat:** 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

**Blues Alley:** 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

**Bohemian Caverns:** 2001 11th St. NW; 202-299-0801.

**Chick Hall's Surf Club:** 4711 Kenilworth Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-6310.

**Crossroads:** 4103 Baltimore Ave., Blad-

ensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

**DC9:** 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

**First Trinity Lutheran Church:** 501 4th St. NW; 18thstreetsingers.com.

**Five:** 1214B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

**Galaxy Hut:** 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

**George Mason University's Center for the Arts:** 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; 703-993-2787.

**Iota Club & Café:** 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

**Jammin' Java:** 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

**Jaxx:** 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

**Kennedy Center:** 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.

**Lime Club:** 1824 Half St. SW; 202-479-

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**Love:** 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

**Lyceum:** 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, 703-778-6310.

**Mirrors:** 33 New York Ave. NE; mirrorsdc.com.

**National City Christian Church:** 5 Thomas Circle NW; 202-237-1005.

**National Geographic:** 1600 M St. NW; 202-857-7700.

**9:30 Club:** 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

**Palladium:** 2135 Queens Chapel Rd. NE; 202-669-0001.

**Phish Tea Cafe:** 1335 H St. NE; myspace.com/dcheavensentband.

**Platinum:** 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

**Rams Head:** 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 410-268-4545.

7:30 & 9:30 p.m., sold out.

**Love:** Ice Cube, 8 p.m., \$20.

**Mirrors:** The Lissen Band, Yanni and Mike, the Crossover Band, 8 p.m., free (before 10 p.m. with Internet pass).

**National Geographic:** An Irish Christmas in America, 6 & 8:30 p.m., \$23-\$27.

**9:30 Club:** Victor Wooten, Deanna Bogart Band, 8:45 p.m., \$20.

**Platinum:** College Fridays, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

**Rams Head:** Suzy Bogguss, 7 & 9:30 p.m., \$35.

**The Red & the Black:** Shwa, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

**The Refectory:** Turtle Island Quartet, 8 p.m., tickets by subscription only.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** Dreggs, Atomati, Bamboo Shoots, Twin Earth, DJ Spin-Itch, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Smithsonian Jazz Cafe:** Steve Herberman Trio, 6 p.m., \$10.

**Twins Jazz:** Allison Miller, Mark Shim, Carlo DeRosa, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

**Zanzibar:** Black Sheep, 8 p.m., \$20.

#### → SATURDAY

**Apex:** Apex Folies: Drag show hosted by Kristina Kelly, DJ Mark Hawkins, VJ Steve Rosa, 10:30 p.m., \$8.

**Birchmere:** Suzy Bogguss, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

**Black Cat:** Mousetrap: Britpop dance night, 9:30 p.m., \$10. Notorious Dance Party: DJs Seth and Trent, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Bohemian Caverns:** Loide Jorge, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Chick Hall's Surf Club:** Oklahoma Twisters, Black Roads Band, \$10.

**Crossroads:** Happy Birthday Super Slice: DJs Tweez, Ishmael, 10 p.m., \$20.

**DC9:** Crack III: Outrageous Performances, 9 p.m., \$10 at the door, \$5 for post-show

**The Red & the Black:** 1212 H St. NE; 202-399-3201.

**The Refectory:** Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St. NW; 202-339-6436.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** 1353 H St. NE; 202-388-7625.

**Smithsonian Jazz Cafe:** National Museum of Natural History, Constitution Avenue & 10th Street NW; 202-633-1000.

**State Theatre:** 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

**The Music Center at Strathmore:** 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5100.

**Twins Jazz:** 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

**Zanzibar on the Waterfront:** 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.



## TheScene

dancing.

**Five:** M3 Music: Music Makes Magic dance night, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Iota:** Honor by August, Elevator to Space, Colourslide, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** Kaki King, Bora Yoon, 7 p.m., \$15. One Horse Town, 9 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

**Jaxx:** Zebrahead, Authority Zero, Tokyo Rose, Patent Pending, Crooked Crow, 7:30 p.m., \$17 (\$14 in advance).

**Kennedy Center:** DC Youth Orchestra, 6 p.m., free. WPAS: Han-Na Chang, cello, 7:30 p.m., \$29. NSO Pops: Happy Holidays! Marvin Hamlisch, conductor, 8 p.m., \$20-\$80.

**Lime Club:** Rare Essence, 9 p.m., \$10-\$25 (ladies free before midnight with Internet pass).

**Love:** Hip-hop, International, Old Skool, A Moe & Fito Exclusive, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Lyceum:** Music from Around the World, 7 p.m., \$25.

**National City Christian Church:** Children's Chorus of Washington Holiday Concert, 4 p.m., \$10-\$50.

**9:30 Club:** DC IOI presents: Eliot in the Morning's Non-Demoninational XMas Show: Switchfoot, Bowling for Soup, OK Go, 8 p.m., win tickets through DCIOI.

**Platinum:** Hip-hop, reggaeton, club mix, 9 p.m., \$15.

**Rams Head:** Over the Rhine "Christmas Tour," 9 p.m., \$25.

**The Red & the Black:** Amateur Hour, the Lucky Bastards, the Nice Jenkins, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

**The Refectory:** Turtle Island Quartet, 8 p.m., tickets by subscription only.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** New Model Army, Ego Likeness, 9 p.m., \$15.

**State Theatre:** Bob Schneider, Samantha Stollenwerck, 9 p.m., \$18.

**Strathmore:** BSO at Strathmore: Soulful Celebration, 8 p.m., \$25-\$100.

**Twins Jazz:** Allison Miller, Mark Shim, Carlo DeRosa, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

**Zanzibar:** Reggae on the Waterfront, International Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$20.

### → SUNDAY

**Birchmere:** Alejandro Escovedo String Quartet, Sometimes Why, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

**Black Cat:** Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary), 8 p.m., \$65 (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Chick Hall's Surf Club:** Benefit Show for Dino Adona, \$15.

**Crossroads:** Dancehall Sunday: Jason Steele, Andy G, Jet Lee, Steelie Basement, 10 p.m., \$10.

**DC9:** VCR, Black the Dynasty, 9 p.m., \$8.



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## Improving the Holidays

→ **ONE OF THE SUREST** ways to know that the holiday season has arrived in the District is NPR's annual "A Jazz Piano Christmas" concert rolls around at the Kennedy Center. Renowned for recruiting a diverse and exemplary cast of jazz pianists, these recitals allow pianists to interpret Yuletide classics in their own unique manners. And the array is particularly diverse this year. The lineup includes New Orleans' Allen Toussaint, Brazilian Jovino Santos Neto and Armenian Tigran Hamasyan (left), as well as hard-bop legend Cedar Walton, singer/pianist Nancy King and modern jazz ticklers Eric Reed and Geoff Keezer. **JOHN MURPHY**

**Five:** Trade, 9 p.m., \$8.

**Galaxy Hut:** Still Pink, Jinxed at Twelve, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

**Iota:** Tim Easton, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

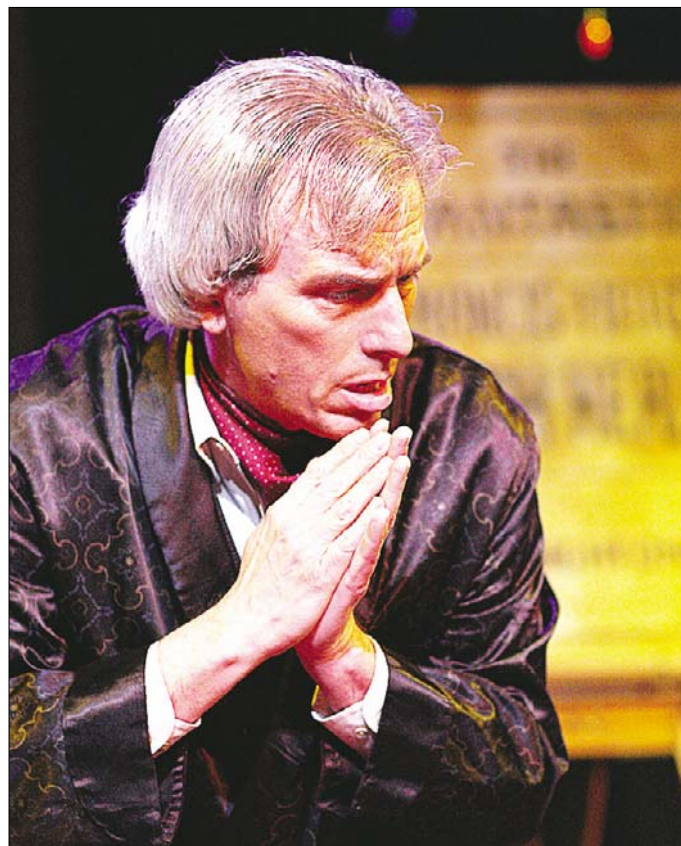
**Jammin' Java:** Nerissa and Katryna Nields Kids Show, 2 p.m., \$10. An Evening with Over the Rhine "Chistmas Show,"

8 p.m., \$20.

**Jaxx:** Pictures in Pieces, Kenmore, Dreaming of Eden, Demas the Thief, Starlit Eyes, Suburban Riot, Sunset Shootout, the Vibe, 3:15 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

**Kennedy Center:** The WNO's Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, 6 p.m., free.

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Empire Brass, 7:30 p.m., \$40. NSO Pops: Happy Holidays! Marvin Hamlisch, conductor, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

**National City Christian Church:** Children's Chorus of Washington Holiday Concert, 4 p.m., \$10-\$50.

**9:30 Club:** Gwar, the Red Chord, Municipal Waste, Bloody Crackdown, 6 p.m., \$18.

**Phish Tea Cafe:** Heaven Sent Band, 7 p.m., \$10.

**Platinum:** DJs Alizay, Trini & Super-slice-Muzik Nashun spin hip-hop, reggae and R&B, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

**Rams Head:** Pat McGee Band (DVD release), 1 p.m., \$25. Bob Schneider, Samantha Stollenwerck, 8:30 p.m., \$18.50. Hard Travelers, 3 p.m., \$21.50.

**The Red & the Black:** Adam Acuragi, The Closer I Get, Bill Blair, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

**The Refectory:** Turtle Island Quartet, 7 p.m., tkttkt.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** Som'ma Dub Ensemble, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Strathmore:** Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra, 3 & 8 p.m., \$18.

**Twins Jazz:** The Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m., \$10.

## Sight

**Adamson Gallery:** "Kelly Towles: I Call Shotgun," the artist's hip, tricky paintings, through Dec. 16. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-232-0707, adamsongallery.com.

**American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery:** "William H. Johnson's World on Paper," never-before-exhibited prints by the African-American modernist. "Passing Time: The Art of William Christenberry" images of the American South as it wears away, ongoing. "Portrait-

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### A Flock of Films:

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ture Now," through Jan. 7. "Ruth Duckworth: Modernist Sculptor," through Jan. 15. "An Impressionist Sensibility: The Half Collection," one of the finest private collections from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, through Feb. 4. "Joseph Cor-

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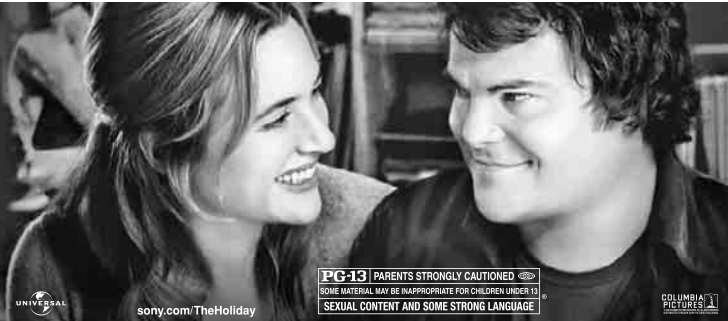


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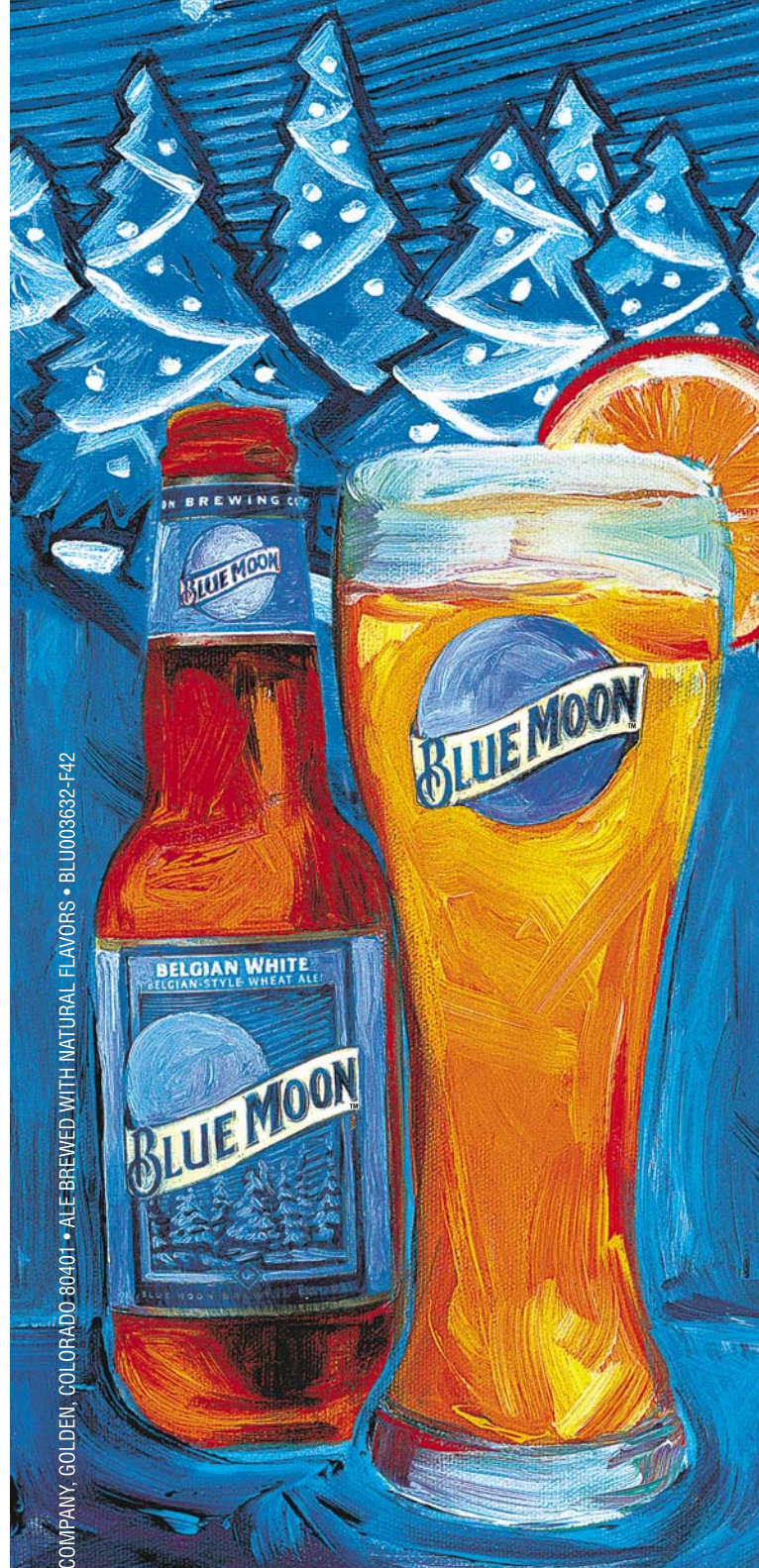




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## TheScene

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nell: Navigating the Imagination," a survey of the visionary modern artist's boxes, collages, objects, dossiers, films and graphic designs, through Feb. 19. "Josephine Baker: Image and Icon," opens Fri., through March 14. "Temple of Invention: History of a National Landmark," the construction of "the noblest of Washington's buildings," through July 8. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, [www.npg.si.edu](http://www.npg.si.edu), [americanart.si.edu/index3.cfm](http://americanart.si.edu/index3.cfm).

**American Painting:** "Arrangements in Focus: New Still Life Paintings," by Barbara Nuss, through Dec. 31. 5118 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-244-3244, [classicamericanpainting.com](http://classicamericanpainting.com).

**Anacostia Community Museum:** "Two Hundred Years of Black Paper Dolls: The Collection of Arabella Grayson," tracing social change through paper dolls; "D.C. Undercover: Photographs by Steven M. Cummings," citizens of the District wearing caps and hats, through April 29. "Banding Together: Public School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity," through May. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, [anacostia.si.edu](http://anacostia.si.edu).

**Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery:** "The Song of Songs: The Honeybee in the Garden," illuminated manuscripts by artist

and scribe Debra Band, through Jan. 7. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, [washingtondcjjc.org](http://washingtondcjjc.org).

**Arlington Arts Center:** "Fresh Paint: Process and Possibility," the work of artists focused on materials and process, through Jan. 27. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, [arlingtonartscenter.org](http://arlingtonartscenter.org).

**BlackRock Center for the Arts:** "A Phenomenon of Nature," glass sculpture by Syl Mathis, Michael Janis and Tim Tate, through Dec. 29. 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown; 301-528-2260, [blackrockcenter.org](http://blackrockcenter.org).

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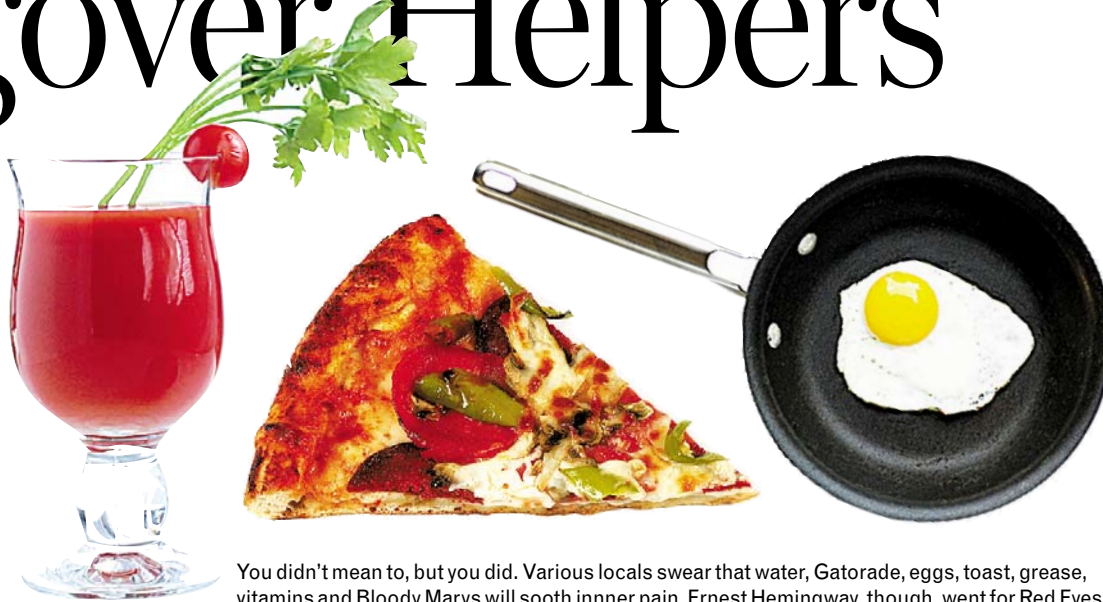


# Hangover Helpers

Area experts offer a variety of ways to survive the morning

**INDULGENCES** | Holiday soirees mean multiple opportunities for champagne toasting, beer drinking and wine sipping. Though plenty of partygoers nurse intentions of staying sober on weeknights, it's this time of year when a slew of holiday happy hours and office fetes can test anyone's resolve. For those who will may have one too many this holiday season, bartenders, patrons and other District residents offer advice for avoiding — or at least alleviating — that cottonmouthed, head-achy, upset stomach, woozy morning-after.

The first and most obvious is



You didn't mean to, but you did. Various locals swear that water, Gatorade, eggs, toast, grease, vitamins and Bloody Marys will sooth inner pain. Ernest Hemingway, though, went for Red Eyes.

to rehydrate. "Water, water, water — and two Advil. Preferably before going to bed, but the next day as well," said Khuram Bashir, a medical assistant at Medics Primary

Care on 17th Street in Dupont Circle. "And eat something bland, like toast." As basic as his advice may be, many people forget the bare minimum that would spare them a hazy

morning.

Others suggest diner food — eggs and cheese, in particular — as the ultimate hangover helper. Tia Scagliarini, a manager at Tryst, said,

"Greasy, gooey, cheesy goodness is the key to feeling better after a long night." John Marlow, a bartender at Toledo Lounge, suggests a pizza brunch as a hangover cure-all. "Grease is the key."

"Vitamins before bed are a good idea," said certified sommelier Derek Brown, maitre d' at Citronelle. "Vitamins" can also mean Alka-Seltzer Morning Relief or Emergen-C, the powdery packet mixed in warm water that tastes like TheraFlu. And there's always Gatorade, which some people swear by to add the salt, sugar and fluid depleted as a result of too much alcohol.

Tomato juice and V-8 were also oft-cited drinks for the day after. Yet tomato juice is a slippery slope toward the hair-of-the-dog cure. "The best thing at Tryst for a hangover is the Bloody Mary made with lots of horseradish, Old Bay and Absolut Pepper vodka," said Scagliarini. The Red Eye is another go-to quaff, at least according to Brown. "It was Hemingway's drink of choice."

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#### The Raw Truth About Our Local Oyster Harvest

When a state commission voted against reopening the Rappahannock River for oyster harvesting, most area restaurants weren't too concerned. "Most restaurants get their oysters from farms," said Will Beck, general manager of Hank's Oyster Bar in Dupont Circle.

When it comes to vegetables, supporting small local farms has been de rigeur for years. Yet restaurant owners haven't been clamoring for a change in the way oysters are harvested until recently. In the Rappahannock, at least, oys-

ters are just beginning to swell in number again after being decimated by disease. The overharvesting of wild oysters has actually led to a more eco-friendly means of cultivating the bivalves.

Expect to see local varieties of the luscious shellfish in area restaurants this winter. Hank's is currently carrying Blue Points from Maryland and Olde Salt from Virginia, and it often carries those tasty but elusive Rappahannocks, as well. (MM)

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**City Paws:** "Dog City," 20 images capturing the essence of local D.C. canines, through Feb. 1. 1823 14th St. NW; 202-232-7297, citypawsd.com.

**Conner Contemporary Art:** "Origin," digital light sculpture by Leo Vilareal, through Dec. 22. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

**Corcoran Gallery of Art:** "Contemporary (Re)defined," the museum's largest contemporary exhibit, through Jan. 31. "The Paradise Institute," a film and multimedia installation by Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller, through Jan. 14. "Joan of Arc," the French icon as seen through lenses of society, politics and culture, through Jan. 21. "Sight/Insight: Photographs From the Permanent Collection," through Jan. 31. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

**Curator's Office:** "To Beat the Devil: Jason Hughes," conceptual works in diverse media, through Dec. 30. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

**DAR Museum:** "Myth or Truth? Stories We've Heard About Early America," the museum examines the reliability of "history," through March 31. 1776 D St. NW; 202-572-0563, dar.org.

**Discovery Galleries:** Kurt Bittle and Randall Browning, two very different photo-realist painters. 4840 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-913-9199,

discoverygalleries.com.

**Distinctive Lifestyle Gallery:** "Recent Abstract Works by Michele de la Menardiere," through Dec. 1755 S St. NW; delamenardiere.com.

**LAST CHANCE District Fine Arts:** "Inclement Weather," paintings by Melchus Davis, through Dec. 13. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

**LAST CHANCE District of Columbia Arts Center:** "Exchange: Richmond @ D.C.," a microcosm of Richmond's vibrant, eclectic and layered arts communities, through Dec. 10. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

**Ellipse Arts Center:** "All Arlington Salon," all-media exhibition for artists who live, work, study or maintain studios in Arlington, through Dec. 16. 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, arlingtonarts.org/ellipseartscenter.htm.

**EWI's A Woman's Story Gallery:** "Reflections," oils on canvas by Israeli-American Regina Margarita Barker-Barzel, through Dec. 16. Exit Signature Realty, 1307 King St., Alexandria; 703-778-6310, ewint.org.

**Flashpoint:** "Consume," a group exhibition that asks viewers to consider the nuance and ambiguity inherent in our concepts of consumption, through Jan. 6. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** "Technologies of Writing in the Age of Print," an exhibit examining the way individuals in early modern Europe relied upon pen and paper to negotiate what we now refer to as "information overload," through Feb. 17.

### LIVE FOLK-ROCK | THE WANDERER



**ON THE ROAD:** Globe-trotter Tim Easton uses travel as an inspiration. (His most recent album, "Ammunition," was recorded in six different states.) A folk singer with a rock 'n' roll edge, we're hoping the wanderlustful crooner will be able to sit still long enough to play his set at Iota on Sunday night.

201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

**Foundry Gallery:** "Holiday Show," work by Foundry Members, through Dec. 31. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundry-gallery.org.

**Fraser Gallery:** "Sky Light," by Maxwell MacKenzie, through Jan. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

**Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:** "Freer — A Taste for Japanese Art," through Jan. 1. "Freer and Tea: Raku, Hagi, Karatsu," through Jan. 1. "In the Beginning: Bibles Before the Year 1000," through Jan. 7. "Perspectives: Simryn Gill," the Singapore-born contemporary artist transforms found objects into installations, through April 29. "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hansen Pigott," through Nov. 4, 2007. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880, www.asia.si.edu.

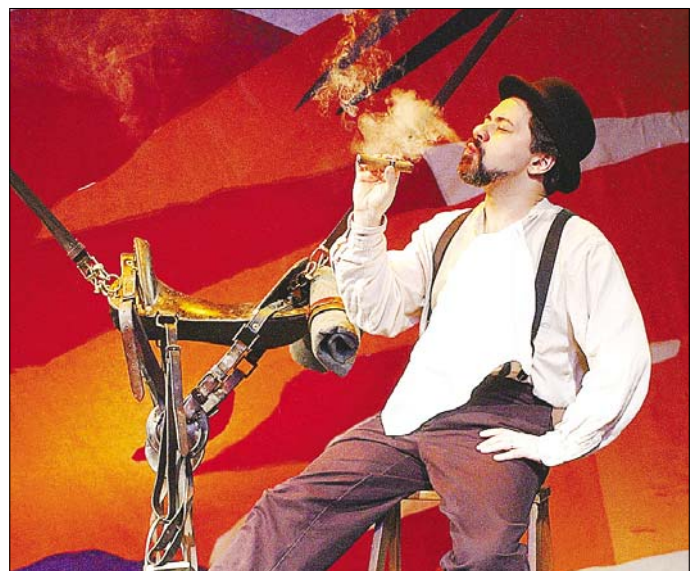
**Galerie Myrtis:** "Art of the Collectors," African and African-American works of art from prominent local collectors, ongoing, 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575.

**Gallery Neptune:** "A Winter Art Exhibition," painting by Greg Ferrand, mixed media by Lisa Williamson, dolls by Gwendolyn Aquil, opens Fri., through Dec. 30. 4808 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

**Gallery Plan B:** "Gallery Group Show,"

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### STAGE | A TOWERING ACHIEVEMENT



**OLD COUNTRY:** Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus hosts "Babel: How It Was Done in Odessa," through Dec. 17. "Babel" depicts life in pre-revolutionary Russia, as recorded by noted journalist/playwright Isaac Babel and adapted by his grandson, actor Andrei Malaev-Babel.



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paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, drawings and photography from gallery artists, through Dec. 30. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711, galleryplanb.com.

**G Fine Art:** "Blending Lines," by Iona Rozeal Brown; "Juke," a video installation by Jefferson Pinder, both through Jan. 6. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601, gfineartdc.com.

**Glenview Mansion:** "Rockville Art League's December Show," 150 works from a variety of artists, opens Sun., through Dec. 31. 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville Civic Center Park; 240-314-5006, rockvillemnd.gov/arts.

**Goethe-Institut:** "Lichtbogen/Arc d'Light," steel sculptor Wulf Kirschner and painter Nicola Staglich collaborate, through Jan. 31. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

**Govinda Gallery:** "Elvis at 21: New Work to Memphis," Alfred Wertheimer's revealing portraits and candid shots of a young Elvis, through Dec. 30. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-333-1180, govindagallery.com.

**Hemphill:** "Jacob Kainen," figurative paintings and works on paper; "Windows and Signs," by Godfrey Frankel, through Dec. 22. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

**Hillyer Art Space:** "Across the Page:

Selections From Pyramid Atlantic's Artists and Archive," through Jan. 1. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

**LAST CHANCE Hirshhorn Museum:**

"Black Box: Jesper Just," short films focusing on juxtapositions, through Dec. 10. "The Uncertainty of Objects and Ideas: Recent Sculpture," through Jan.

7. "Collection in Context," an exploration of contemporary sculpture, through Jan. 7. "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection," Baldessari's installation uses works from the museum's holdings, through July 26. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

**LAST CHANCE International Visions Gallery:**

"Title Withheld," Hallide Salam; "My Father's Garden," Debra Dilworth, through Dec. 10. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

**Irvine Contemporary:** "The Trophy Room," sculptures of life forms from the genetic revolution by Joshua Levine; "Three New Artists from China," pieces by Li Jian Ping, Liu Jian and Ye Qiang, both open Sat., through Jan. 7. 1412 P St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

**Jane Haslem Gallery:** "A Harvest of New Works on Paper," an assortment of recent works by gallery artists including DeWitt Hardy, George Harkins and Lincoln Perry, through Dec. 15. 2025 Hillyer Place NW; 202-232-4644, janehaslemgallery.co.

**The Jerusalem Fund Gallery:** "Jerusa-



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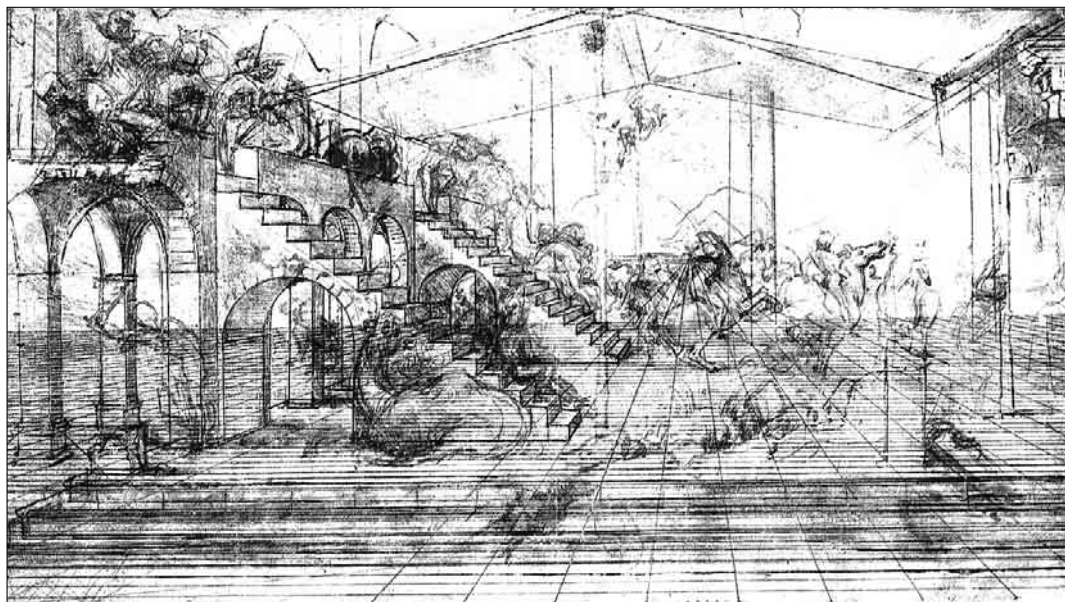
lem: Between Visions and Realities," an exploration of the city's complex historical, religious and emotional significance, through Dec. 22. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

**Kathleen Ewing Gallery:** "A. Aubrey Bodine," a retrospective exhibition celebrating his 100th anniversary; "F.I. Wall: New Work, Deconstruction and Reconstruction," through Dec. 22. 1609 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-328-0955, kathleenewinggallery.com.

**Katzen Arts Center:** "Marc Cameron Boyd: Logocentric Playground," through Dec. 15. "High Times, Hard Times: New York Painting 1967-1975"; "Gifts from the Katherine Dreier Estate"; "William F. Calfee and the Washington Modernists"; Carlos Saura: Flamenco"; "Twenty-first century Ibero-American Art"; "Guy Dill: A Decade"; "Talia Green: Entropy Filigree," all through Jan. 21. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-2787, american.edu/museum.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Library of Congress:** "The Adoration of the Magi," the first time da Vinci's preparatory drawing has left Italy, Thu. & Fri. "Illuminating the Word: the Saint John's Bible," part of the first handwritten, illuminated

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Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years, plus ornate Bibles from the Middle Ages, through Dec. 23. "Enduring Outrage: Editorial Cartoons by Herblock," an exhibition of original work by the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist, through Jan. 20.

"Cartoon America: Highlights From the Art Wood Collection," through Jan. 27. 101 Independence Drive SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

**Luther W. Brady Art Gallery:** "The Franz and Virginia Bader Fund: Artists of the First Three Years," the work of art-

ists who have been awarded a Bader Fund grant, through Jan. 26. Media and Public Affairs Building, 805 21st St. NW; 202-994-1525, gwu.edu/~bradyart.

**Marsha Mateyka Gallery:** "Whiteline and Watercolor: Recent Works," by Aline Feldman, through Jan. 20. 2012 R St. NW;

202-328-0088, marshamateykgallery.com.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library:** "Shared Images: Nepalese Art," artwork by faculty and students of Kathmandu Don Bosco College, through Jan. 3. 901 G St. NW; 202-727-0321, dclibrary.org.

**National Academy of Sciences:** "Nikon's Small World Winning Images," through Dec. 20. "Hidden Codes," paintings of genetic code by Dennis Ashbaugh, through May 10. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2436, nationalacademies.org.

**National Air and Space Museum:** "Earth From Space," rare views of surface events such as hurricanes, dust storms, forest fires and volcanic eruptions, through Jan. 7. "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Ave., 202-633-1000, earthfromspace.si.edu.

**National Archives:** "Eyewitness: American Originals From the National Archives," written and recorded firsthand accounts of major historical events, through Jan. 1. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, www.archives.gov.

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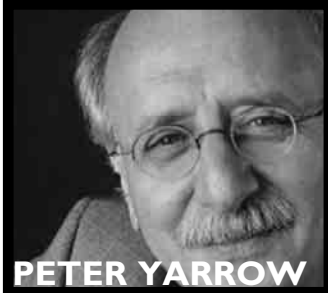
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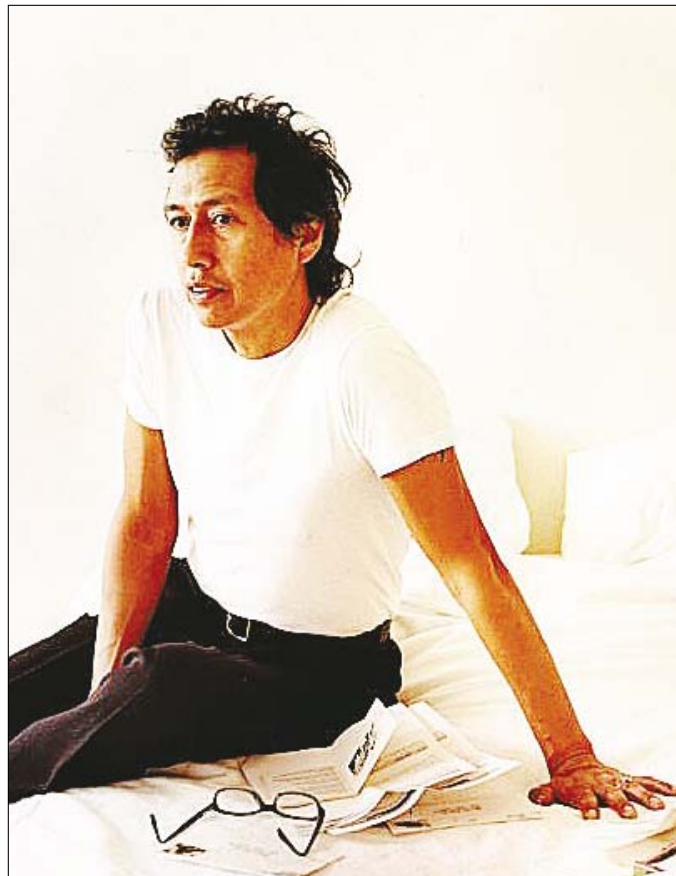
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**National Building Museum:** "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Washington, Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," high-lights from the museum's permanent col-lection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

**National Gallery of Art:** "Constable's Great Landscapes: The Six-Foot Paint-ings," through Dec. 31. "The Streets of New York: American Photographs From the Collection, 1938-1958," through Jan. 15. "Alexandre-Louis-Marie Charpentier," the French artist's works in a variety of media, through Jan. 28. "Prayers and Por-traits: Unfolding the Netherlandish Dip-tych," pieces from the 15th and 16th cen-turies, through Feb. 4. "Strokes of Genius: Rembrandt's Prints and Drawings," an outstanding collection of the Flem-ish master's works, opens Sun., through March 8. "An Artist's Vision: Romantic Traditions in Britain," a survey of British romanticism with works by William Blake, J.M.W. Turner, Samuel Palmer and others, through March 18. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

**National Geographic Society:** "Echoes of 1608: John Smith's Voyages on the

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**NOTHING TO CRITICIZE:** Critics have fawned over root-rocker Alejandro Escoveda for decades; it seems to only take slight exposure to his gorgeous tunes to become converted. Why isn't he more famous, then? It's his cross to bear and he bears it well; he'll grin and thrill fans at the Birchmere on Sunday.

Chesapeake," includes a replica of Smith's 30-foot-long boat, through Jan. 7. "Bizarre Beasts, Past and Present," an interactive exhibit showcasing weird and wonderful animals, through Feb. 2. "Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2006," winning and commended entries, through Feb. 4. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

**National Library of Medicine:** "Visi-ble Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body," ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308, www.nlm.nih.gov.

**National Museum of African Art:** "Resonance from the Past," Afri-can sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evi-dence," contemporary African art-ists use the body, ongoing. 950 Inde-pendence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nmafa.si.edu.

**National Museum of Health and Med-icine:** "Scarred for Life," 35 ink prints by Ted Meyer showing surgical scar marks, through March 31. 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, AFIP, Building 54; 202-782-220, nmhm.washingtondc.museum.

**National Museum of Natural His-tory:** "Nature's Best: Experience Nature Through the Act of Photography," through March 19. "Visual Griots of Mali," 40 black and white photographs by Malian youth, through April. "Transitions: Photographs by Robert Creamer," through June 24.

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**Arts:** "The Book as Art," 20 years of artists' books, through Feb. 4. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, [nmwa.org](http://nmwa.org).

**National Postal Museum:** "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3, 2007. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, [postalmuseum.si.edu](http://postalmuseum.si.edu).

**Numark Gallery:** "The Last Show," artists who have worked closely with the gallery take part in its final exhibit, through Dec. 16. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810, [numarkgallery.com](http://numarkgallery.com).

**Pass Gallery:** "Pass Group Show," paintings and digital prints, through Dec. 16. 1617 S St. NW; [community.webtv.net/PASSGALLERY/PASSGROUPSHOW2006](http://community.webtv.net/PASSGALLERY/PASSGROUPSHOW2006).

**Prisons Gallery of Art:** Paintings by Tammy Williams, who was recently released from prison after 10 years, 1600 K St. NW, Suite 501; 202-393-1511, [prisonsfoundation.org](http://prisonsfoundation.org).

**Project 4:** Kate Hardy's watercolors, Noelle Tan's overexposed silver and gelatin prints, through Dec. 23. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

**Randall Scott Gallery:** "No Fancy



BOWULF SHEEHAN

# Kaki King's Fairy Tale Life

➔ **"KAKI WAS A** precocious and naughty little girl, so to shut her up, her father gave her a guitar. She's been carrying it around ever since." So sayeth guitar virtuoso Kaki King, performing Saturday at Jammin' Java, who was given a big career boost by "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" in '03. King notes that the episode, featuring her frenetic finger-tapping fireworks, reran several times, increasing her exposure even more. Though her new CD, "... Until We Felt Red," is oriented toward ambient, lushly arranged songs, King will be playing Java alone. Expect both acoustic wizardry and pastoral lulls from this precocious and still naughty ax-mistress.

TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

Titles," group exhibition, through Dec. 30. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806.

**Strathmore:** "73rd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature," through Jan. 6. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, [strathmore.org](http://strathmore.org).

**Target Gallery:** "Mixed Messages," a mixed media exhibition that represents artists from the U.S. and abroad, through Jan. 14. 105 N. Union

St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, [torpedofactory.org](http://torpedofactory.org).

**Textile Museum:** "Pieces of a Puzzle: Classical Persian Carpet Fragments," through Jan. 7. "Mantles of Merit: Chin Textiles From Mandalay to Chittagong," through Feb. 25. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, [textilemuseum.org](http://textilemuseum.org).

**Touchstone Gallery:** "30th Anniversary Show and Sale," "Playing Outside,"

"Familiarity by Jeff Hensley," all through Jan. 7. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, [touchstonegallery.com](http://touchstonegallery.com).

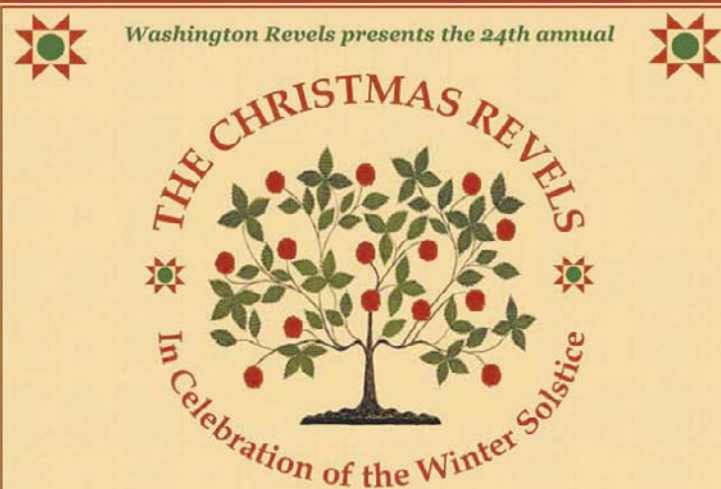
**Union Gallery:** "Selections: Works by University of Maryland Students," through Dec. 14. University of Maryland, College Park, 301-314-8492, [union.umd.edu/gallery](http://union.umd.edu/gallery).

**U.S. Botanic Garden:** "Savor the Season," a whimsical holiday exhibit, through

Jan. 7. "Lines on Paper: How a Fantasy Becomes a Garden," through Jan. 15. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, [usbg.gov](http://usbg.gov).

**Warehouse:** "Dynamic Field," underrepresented U.S. artists present the city as a stage on which citizens interact with each other and the constructed world, through Dec. 23. 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, [warehousetheater.com](http://warehousetheater.com).

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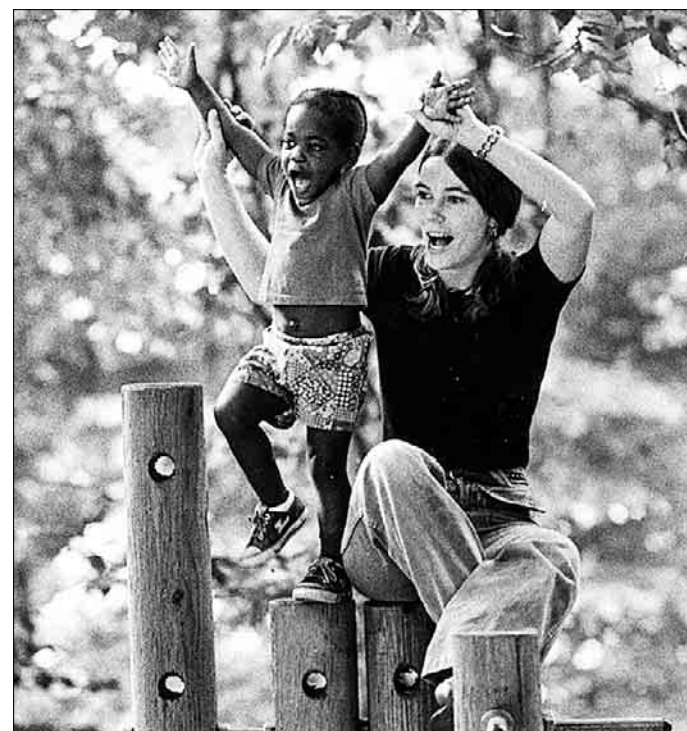
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### Washington Printmakers Gallery:

“Other Worlds,” prints by Betty MacDon-ald, through Dec. 31. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, [washingtonprintmakers.com](http://washingtonprintmakers.com).

**Washington Studio School:** Drawings, paintings and sculpture by certificate program students, through Dec. 22. 4505 Stanford St., Chevy Chase; 301-718-7210, [washingtonstudioschool.org](http://washingtonstudioschool.org).

**WVSA ARTICulate Gallery:** “Every Dog Has Its Day: Celebrating Our Canine Companions,” doggy portraits, through Dec. 14. 1100 16th St. NW; 202-261-1233, [wvsarts.org/gallery](http://wvsarts.org/gallery).

**Zenith Gallery:** “Millennium Art Cen-

ter Artists,” through Dec. 31. “Survivors Among Survivors,” paintings by Renee du Rocher, through Jan. 4. “Altered States,” realist painted Drew Ernst explores the rapidly changing world, through Jan. 14. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, [zenithgallery.com](http://zenithgallery.com).

## Stage

**Babel: How It Was Done in Odessa:** Stories adapted from the work of Russian playwright Isaac Babel by his grandson, Andrei Malaev-Babel, through Dec. 17. Black Box Theatre, Communications Arts Center, Montgomery College, Chicago and Philadelphia Aves., Takoma Park; 301-650-1368, [montgomerycollege.edu](http://montgomerycollege.edu).

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two women of status and fortune, through Dec. 31, \$19-\$76. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, ShakespeareTheatre.org.

### SATURDAY ONLY A Christmas Carol:

An updated version of the Dickens classic, this musical tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, the original Grinch, Sat., \$6-\$7. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 201-279-5301, montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

**The Christmas Revels:** Early American music, dance and drama in celebration of the winter solstice, through Dec. 17, \$12-\$40. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H streets NW; 202-723-7528, revelsdc.org.

**Cinderella:** Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical version of the fairy tale, through Dec. 31, \$34-\$44, kids half-price. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

**Faith Healer:** Brian Friel's tale of a faith healer revealing a dark memory via his own confession, through Dec. 23, \$15-\$20. Gunston Theater One, 2700 Lang St., Arlington; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

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**ROOTED IN RHYTHM:** Accordion virtuoso Geno Delafosse was raised on a farm in a family of musicians. So it's no wonder he now divides his time between sharing his homespun, foot-stompin' Zydeco with the world and tending his ranch in Louisiana's bayou country. Check out the multit talented cowboy at a dance show at the Birchmere on Thursday night.

**menco II:** The Fundacion Conservatorio Flamenco Casa Patas and the Embassy of Spain hold their Second Annual Flamenco Fest, Fri. & Sat., \$15-\$25. GALA Hispanic Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

**SUNDAY ONLY Holiday Gifts From**

**G.M.U. to Y.O.U.:** Holiday music and dance, including selections from "The Nutcracker," old seasonal favorites and Hanukkah songs, Sun., \$8-\$15. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; 703-993-2787, gmu.edu/cfa.

**THURSDAY ONLY HuDost:** An evening original music, whirling dervishes, and Tribal Temple dance by the New York and Montreal ensemble, Thu., \$10-\$15. Sangha, 7014 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park; 301-891-3214, sangha.ws.

**Juanita the Walrus Goes on a Shopping Spree:** The baby-sitting area of a shopping mall serves as the setting in this musical for children of all ages, through Dec. 17, \$10. Venus Theatre, 9148 Canterbury Riding, Laurel; 301-470-2460, venustheatre.org.

**Junie B. Jones & a Little Monkey Business:** In this musical comedy, precocious kindergartner Junie B. feels the pangs of sibling rivalry while her mom is still pregnant, through Jan. 14, \$10-\$20. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; ImaginationStage.org.

**King of Cool: The Life and Music of Nat King Cole:** A cabaret featuring Cole's career and personal life, featuring Jimi Ray Malar, through Dec. 23, \$35. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 800-494-8497.

**The Long Christmas Ride Home:** Paula Vogel's play about fragile family bonds is told through puppetry, music and storytelling, through Dec. 31, \$39-\$55. Metheny Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

**Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis:** An aging dominatrix receives a surprising birthday visitor, through Dec. 17, \$20-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

**Middle Eastern Student Concert:**

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**Movin' Out:** Twyla Tharp's Broadway hit comes featuring 24 classic songs by Billy Joel including "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" and "We Didn't Start the Fire," through Dec. 23, \$41.25-\$86.25. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

**The Nutcracker:** Classika Theatre tackles (what else?) a classic in this dance-theater work told with live action and beautifully crafted puppets, through Dec. 31, \$12-\$14. The Arts Barn, 211 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg; 301-258-6349.

**The Nutcracker:** The Washington Ballet reveals new holiday traditions with the return of its production of this masterpiece, through Dec. 23, \$10-\$20. Warner Theatre, 13th & E Sts. NW; 202-397-SEAT, warnertheatre.com.

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American Dance Institute, 1570 East Jefferson St., Rockville; 301-984-3003, americandance.org.

**SATURDAY ONLY On Stage with Washington National Opera:** Excerpts from American opera, performed by WNO's talented Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists, Sat., free. Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Pennsylvania & 17th street NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Perfect Game:** An original musical by a Catholic University alum that weaves the invention of basketball in with a modern team's struggle to succeed, Thu.-Sun., free. Catholic University, Callan Theatre, 3801 Harewood Road NE; 202-319-4000, drama.cua.edu.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Perlo's Pearls of Wisdom ... Small Phrases with Big Meanings:** Dance Place Founder Carla Perlo pays tribute to her father through original modern dance, Sat. & Sun., \$15-\$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

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## TheScene

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**Seasonal Disorder:** The Washington Improv Theater's annual take on holiday madness. No one is spared, no one gets what he or she wants and no one has a script to work from in this lively, ever-changing show, through Dec. 30, \$10-\$12. Flashpoint, Mead Theatre Lab, 916 G St. NW; through 202-315-1318, washingtonimprovtheater.com

**She Loves Me:** Budapest in the 1930s is the setting for this romantic musical comedy about secret pen pals and first impressions; Ernst Lubitsch fans will recognize the story that became his 1940 film "The Shop Around the Corner," through Dec. 31, \$55-\$74. Arena offers a Family Fun Pack for \$10; two patrons must be between the ages of 5 and 18. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

**The Skriker:** A shape-shifting fairy pursues two young women, Josie and Lily, hungry for the latter's unborn child, in Caryl Churchill's dark fairy tale, through Dec. 23, \$12-\$18. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, warehousetheater.com

**The Snow Queen:** Hans Christian Andersen's holiday fable about an evil Snow Queen, through Dec. 31, \$12-\$14. The Arts Barn, 211 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg; 301-258-6349.

**SATURDAYS ONLY Son of a Bush:** Gross National Product's timely sketch show, ongoing, \$30; Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, warehousetheater.com.

**Tehreema Mitha Dance Company:**

Classical, classical-contemporary and contemporary solos and ensembles dances, Sun., \$20-\$25. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, atlasarts.org.

**TempOdyssey:** A screwball comedy about the drudgery of temp work featuring characters such as Last Day Girl, Nepotism Guy and Dead Body Boy, through Dec. 31, \$29. The Studio Theatre 2ndstage, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

**War of the Worlds:** Adapted from H.G. Wells' novel and Orson Welles' radio

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**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown:**

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